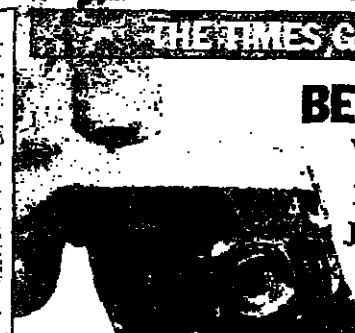




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Warning against tax cut 'bribes'

Clarke rounds on the Right to defend EU

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND JANET BUSH



Clarke: ruled out 1990s Reaganomics

KENNETH CLARKE brushed aside his rightwing critics last night with a passionate defence of Britain's membership of the European Union and a warning that premature tax cuts would insult the intelligence of the public.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said that Conservative Euro-sceptic tactics could jeopardise risk Britain's influence in the biggest single market in the world and he hit out strongly at those who wanted to challenge the Treaty of Rome. Even more provocatively, he criticised those who wanted to renegotiate the Maastricht treaty.

Mr Clarke's remarks came the day after 78 Tory MPs voted for Bill Cash's Bill calling for a referendum on Britain's relations with the rest of Europe and two days after his predecessor, Norman Lamont, led a high-powered Tory discussion on withdrawal from the EU.

They were also delivered against the background of recent Cabinet committee discussions in which he has argued against Michael Howard's moves to water down the powers of the European Court, and were the clearest signal that Mr Clarke and his allies will fiercely oppose any further concessions to the sceptics.

Using the traditional economic stage of the Mansion House speech to deliver an overtly political message, Mr Clarke acknowledged that his Budget forecast of 3 per cent growth this year might have been over-optimistic and he warned rightwingers pressing for substantial tax cuts that they might have to wait, he said, however, predict for the first time that unemployment should fall below two million next year. Yesterday the jobless figures hit a five-year low at 2,167,600.

Progress on tax would only be made when it was prudent

and sensible to do so, he said. "We are not pursuing a 1990s version of Reaganomics — slash taxes and hang the deficit, in the naive belief that any tax cut will always generate additional revenue."

"The real world does not work that way. Tax cuts that could not be afforded would inevitably have to be reversed. Nobody wants that. In any case, to think that the electorate could be bribed by premature tax cuts is an insult to the intelligence of the British people."

He deliberately strayed from straight economics to talk about Britain's role in the world, reasserting his belief that the UK's future depended on retaining its position firmly in the European mainstream. "Choosing voluntary exile from the world's largest marketplace would have very serious consequences, both economic and political," Mr Clarke said. "By virtue of history and geography, Europe is our natural regional trading base. We export more to the EU than to the US and Japan combined. We export more to Germany alone than to the Asian Tigers put together."

"Since we joined the common market in 1973 our exports to the EU have grown twice as fast as with the rest of

the world. The EU is the world's largest single market with 40 per cent of world trade. We need to retain a leading and influential position in the world's most powerful single market to take full advantage of our opportunities. And let us make no mistake, those who would challenge the Treaty of Rome and challenge the Treaty of Maastricht would put that influence at risk."

The Chancellor went on to defend his decision to cut interest rates by a quarter of a point last week and denied that his move was part of a strategy of engineering a pre-election boom. "The economy is not like a Pot Noodle — just add hot water and stir. Creating healthy sustainable growth is a painstaking process," he said.

He might cut interest rates again if it did not put his inflation target at risk — but he would just as happily put them up again if there was a risk that inflation would come in above target.

Mr Clarke decided to cut the base rate to 5.75 per cent against the advice of Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, who shared the platform last night. Mr George was studiously balanced in his comments on the decision and appeared conciliatory. He acknowledged that inflationary pressures were low and that the economy was looking vulnerable.

In his address, the Chancellor insisted that there would be "no short-lived pre-election boom" and he rejected suggestions that he was secretly engineering a one-year growth wonder to restore the feel-good factor. He could not single-handedly engineer a "rags to riches" economic story even if he wanted to.

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Moving homes: Bob Geldof and Paula Yates leaving the High Court in London yesterday after settling their divorce

Geldofs in divorce house swap

By EMMA WILKINS

BOB GELDOLF and his ex-wife, Paula Yates, agreed yesterday to swap houses in an unusual divorce settlement that brings their turbulent 10-year marriage to a close.

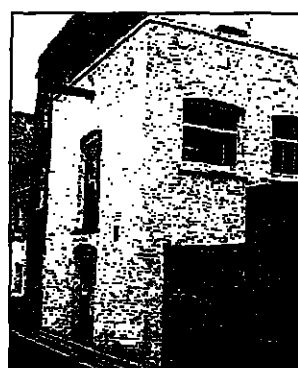
The game of musical manions was concluded suddenly at the High Court in London, where the Geldofs have spent three days arguing over the division of property. According to a joint statement, Ms Yates will move into the £750,000 marital home in Chelsea, where her ex-husband has been living since Christmas with his new girlfriend, Jeanne Marine, a French actress.

Mr Geldof will take possession of a house around the corner owned by Michael Hutchence, the father of Ms Yates's unborn baby. The couple's three children, Fifi Trixibelle, 12, Peaches, six, and Pixie, four, will continue to live with their mother.

The statement said: "After three days of complete bloody nightmare in the High Court of Justice, Bob and Paula have with collective sighs of relief



Geldof's old house in Chelsea, left, and his new, right



arrived amicably at a half-decent solution to their housing arrangements.

"Paula and the kids will move into the house in Chelsea. Bob will move into Michael's house down the road. Thanks very much." The statement carried a PS: "Neither of us will talk about this any further so please don't doorstep us."

Mr Geldof, 41, the former pop singer who was made an honorary knight for helping to organise the Live Aid concert in 1985, owns a stake in Planet 24, a television production

company which makes *The Big Breakfast* for Channel 4. His fortune is estimated at more than £10 million. Mr Hutchence, singer with the Australian pop group INXS, is said to be even richer, with some £30 million. Ms Yates, 36, whose baby is due in August, has been living in Clapham, southwest London, while the divorce terms were discussed.

After the hearing, Ms Yates, wearing a white minidress, at first chatted amicably with her ex-husband in the court corridor. As the conver-

sation continued, voices were raised and Ms Yates was heard to say: "Nineteen years and you just wanted to see me out on the street." But the mood soon lightened.

Mr Geldof, wearing a green tweed three-piece suit and neatly knotted silk tie, perched on a table as his ex-wife engaged in ante-natal pregnancy squats at his feet to relieve her aching back. As she prepared to leave the court, Ms Yates said she was "jolly happy" with the agreement.

Mr Geldof declined to give any further details about the housing arrangements. "There is a world outside here that is a very serious world. Where Bob and Paula live is not significant in the scheme of things," he said before jumping into a taxi.

Major orders child abuse inquiries

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND DOMINIC KENNEDY

JOHN MAJOR will today urge the Cabinet to order two inquiries into child abuse following allegations of widespread paedophilia and cruelty in residential homes.

The Prime Minister was forced to "read the Riot Act" to ministers before getting agreement on a joint approach by William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, and Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, in time for this weekend's Conservative conference in Wales.

One inquiry will seek to discover how up to 300 children in Clwyd and Gwynedd, North Wales, and a further 250 in Cheshire were abused by residential care workers since the mid-1960s. The second will examine the wider issues of residential child care.

Mr Hague has been keen to implement a call by John Jilling, author of an unpublished report into abuse in Clwyd, for a full inquiry with powers to force witnesses to give evidence. The names of public figures appear in witness statements to the police, and independent investigations into the Clwyd case.

There are a number of prosecutions for paedophilia pending in northwest England and an inquiry could be delayed until Christmas to avoid prejudicing the trials.

Ministers have been alarmed by the high incidence of staff who have been the subject of complaints being allowed to move between homes.

Pressure is building among senior ministers for new rules that would allow local authorities to consult police records to check whether complaints have been made against prospective employees. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is to announce details of a paedophile register next week.



"Apparently you get a glimpse of the money the lottery gave them"

Cash severs link with Goldsmith

By ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BILL CASH, the leading Tory Euro-sceptic, announced last night that he was cutting his financial connections with Sir James Goldsmith after a wave of protests from Tory MPs and ministers.

The Stafford MP was summoned by Alastair Goodlad, the Conservative chief whip, and told that it was "outrageous" that a Tory MP should be so closely associated with the leader of a rival party planning to field election candidates against the Tories.

The Prime Minister was furious. He told the chief whip to give Mr Cash an ultimatum — either cease to be chairman of the European Foundation, which is partly financed by Sir James, or cut all financial links with the billionaire financier.

The chief whip told Mr Cash, whose referendum Bill was supported by 78 Tory MPs, that the donations should cease without delay. Mr Cash immediately accepted the position.

The intervention by the Tory high command came only

hours after the Labour Party reported Mr Cash to the Parliamentary Ombudsman. Labour sought to maximise embarrassment for the Tories by demanding an inquiry into the links between Mr Cash's European Foundation and Sir James.

Mr Cash, in a statement on European Foundation paper, said: "The policy of the board of management of the foundation has always been to ensure that no grounds be afforded for any alleged or perceived dependence on any particular political party or grouping. The board has determined that pending the outcome of the general election it would not be appropriate to accept further donations from the Goldsmith Foundation."

The scale of the backbench revolt would have been higher if all the Euro-sceptics had been in Westminster. It emerged last night. An analysis shows that 13 Tory MPs who voted for a backbench Bill in April to curb the powers of the European Court failed to support Mr Cash.

Britain 'exported banned feed'

Britain continued to export potentially dangerous animal feed at bargain basement prices to countries in Europe, the Far East and Israel after banning the suspect product for domestic use, according to *Nature*, the British scientific publication.

The feed is believed to be the cause of BSE or "mad cow" disease and the revelations have caused serious concern in France, which bought over half the contaminated feed. Page 8

Radioactive subs

The Royal Navy's decommissioned nuclear-powered submarines will have to remain tied up in dock for a further 16 years because long-term underground storage facilities for their radioactive hulls will not be ready until 2012. Michael Portillo said. Page 2

Last-ball drama

Lancashire produced a dramatic last-ball victory over Yorkshire in the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final at Old Trafford to qualify to face Northamptonshire in the final. Northants beat Warwickshire by 21 runs at Northampton. Pages 43, 48

Labour set to bail out divorce Bill

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR offered to save the beleaguered divorce reform Bill last night if the Government accepts amendments to increase protection for children and battered mothers.

The Shadow Cabinet agreed at a meeting last night to reserve its position on the Family Law Bill until Monday evening — just before the final vote on its third reading. But party sources indicated that if the amendments were accepted, Labour, which is imposing a three-line whip, would either abstain or support the Bill, ensuring a government victory.

Ministers will make their position clear today but have signalled they are likely to bow to Labour. Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, has also indicated that he will accept at least two amendments tabled by Tory rebels to ensure "consensus".

Labour made clear that the party could still withdraw support if the Government agreed to some Tory rebel amendments. Paul Boateng, the party's

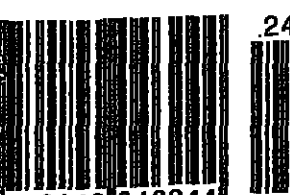
legal affairs spokesman, told the Shadow Cabinet the Bill was "a dog's breakfast", "deeply flawed" and potentially unworkable. But he added that several organisations had urged him to improve it rather than scupper it.

Labour has now tabled amendments in three key areas: calling for children to be given separate representation in court for children and mothers to be given police protection in cases of domestic violence; and to ensure that where there is evidence of violence couples do not have to go through lengthy mediation procedures.

The Government is thought to be preparing to accept a series of amendments in an attempt to head off defeat on Monday. After eleven-hour meetings with Tory rebels, ministers are considering including a "conscience clause" for people with firm religious beliefs.

Lord Mackay is also expected to accept cutting back the minimum waiting time for divorce from 21 to 18 months.

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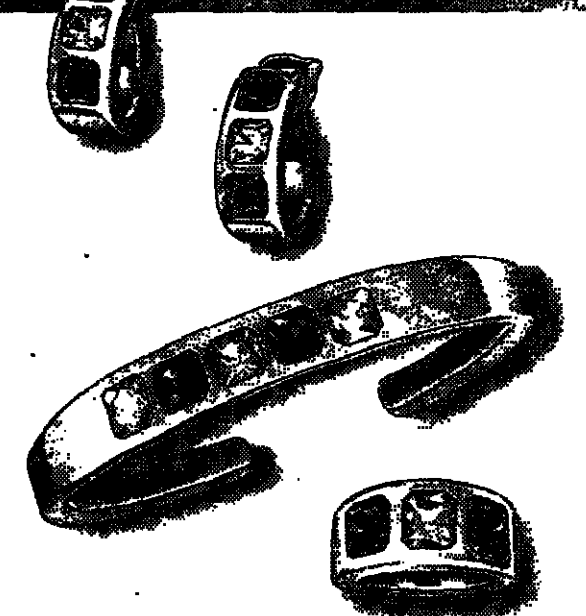
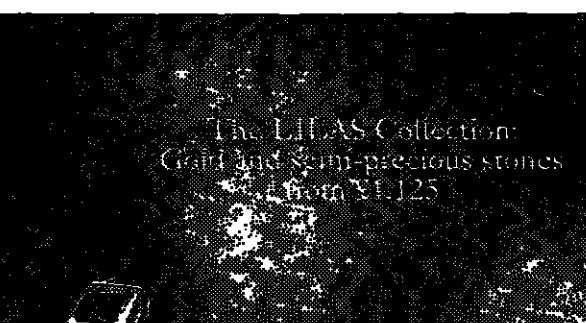


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Jessel's one-man demo dazzles, deafens and diverts

STAGING a protest stunt in the public gallery of the Commons will never secure a plug for your cause in this column. *Times* sketchwriters are adamant in refusing to encourage the practice. So yesterday's punk miscreants, and their cause, must remain anonymous.

Suffice it to say that a group of them lunged forward unexpectedly during Foreign Office Questions, squealing and throwing handfuls of printed papers across the peers' gallery and down into the chamber. They were hustled out fast by the attendants.

Surprised Tory MPs sub-

jected to a leaflet drop from the air, may well have supposed this to be another of Sir James Goldsmith's stunts, or perhaps a desperate appeal for loyalty from the Prime Minister.

Many of the leaflets failed to make it over the peers' gallery, landing on the balding head of a lonely peer who had come to watch the Lower House, no doubt confirming his worst fears about the place.

Confused and scared, the old boy leapt to his feet, inadvertently shaking off a leaflet, which fluttered down onto MPs. Is this the first



MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

time Hon Members have faced a House of Lords airdrop into their chamber?

The protesters had made a terrible mistake. It is no business of ours to write a handbook for would-be demonstrators at Westminster, but permit me to say this: Rule 1: Never stage your stunt during a Question from Mr Toby Jessel MP.

This is because Mr Jessel (C, Twickenham) is a stunt in

himself. Other stunts struggle for attention. So colourful and noisy — so completely amazing — is Mr Jessel that rival exhibitions go unnoticed.

Among his accomplishments, Jessel is an amateur concert pianist. Mrs Jessel is a trained singer. Friends say she would have to be, to be heard.

Earnest, sincere and energetic — he is a popular local

MP — Toby Jessel reminds us of a mad British professor in a 1950s B-movie, or possibly the batty elder brother of Michael Brown (C, Brigg and Cleethorpes).

Mr Jessel's constant complaint (on behalf of constituents) is about aircraft noise over Twickenham, but it is hard to imagine being able to hear Concorde breaking the sound barrier when this MP is on the stump. He is a sort of permanent sonic boom.

On Monday he was complaining angrily to the Transport Secretary about bicycles without bells whizzing noiselessly up behind him in

Twickenham. Yesterday it seemed to be the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation that had roused him to fury.

In a voice of window-shattering intensity, Mr Jessel denounced Unesco. "It was staffed in palatial surroundings, in Paris, by left-wing trends: long-haired men, and short-haired women, and people who wear sandals in the office. And there were far too many of them. And not enough out there in the field!"

It was during this outburst that the protest from the

Strangers' Gallery occurred. MPs heard the noise, glanced up at the leaflets floating down, then reverted to much the greater of the two spectacles: Mr Jessel.

It strikes us that the Twickenham MP could be deployed by the civil authorities for use in countering riots. Instead of teargas or water cannons, we could wheel Mr Jessel onto the scene and prompt him to ask one of his parliamentary questions. Such would be the resultant commotion that rioters would forget their riot, in shock and wonder at the Twickenham Phenomenon.

Republic divorce go-ahead

THE first divorce in the Irish Republic is expected early next year after a court decision that clears the way for new legislation (Audrey Magee writes). Five judges at the Supreme Court in Dublin concluded unanimously yesterday that, although the government was wrong to spend £500,000 of taxpayers' money promoting a "yes" vote in a referendum last year, there was no proof that it affected the outcome. The decision to remove a constitutional ban on divorce was carried by less than 0.5 per cent.

Whittle gift

Sir Frank Whittle, 89, inventor of the jet engine, has donated his papers to the Churchill Archives Centre in Cambridge. Seven boxes of letters, diaries and scientific papers are being evaluated by archivists. They include Sir Frank's own copy of his 1931 *Case for the Gas Turbine*.

Motorist jailed

A driver was jailed for six years for attacking a woman after she asked him why he was holding up the traffic. Bradford Crown Court was told that David Robinson, 30, threw Kath Gatenby, 52, into a parked car and kicked her. She suffered a collapsed lung and fractured rib.

£2.3m for Bristol

The two-day auction of contents and antiques from the Marquess of Bristol's home at Ickworth, Suffolk, raised £2,365,700, almost double the £1.2 million estimate by Sotheby's. Lord Bristol, 41, held the sale to finance a new life in the Bahamas. He will keep a farmhouse at Ickworth.

IRA charge

A second man, John Quinn, 28, from Limerick, has been charged with IRA membership after the suspected paramilitary murder of Jerry McCabe, a policeman, in Co Limerick last Friday. Mr Quinn was also charged with unlawful possession of ammunition.

Pensions thief

A company pensions manager who admitted stealing almost £90,000 from the fund was jailed for 27 months by Liverpool Crown Court yesterday. Peter Crossland, a 30-year-old drug addict from Wavertree, Liverpool, began stealing a month after he joined the Stanley Leisure Organisation.

New challenge

Lawyers acting for the men jailed for killing the newspaper boy Carl Bridgewater are preparing a High Court challenge to force a new appeal. They believe the Home Office is stalling on a decision to refer the case back to the Court of Appeal.

Record time

A chronometer given by Napoleon to one of his vice admirals in recognition of his courage at sea sold for £26,000 at Christie's yesterday. The successful bid by Philip Whyte, a London dealer, set a record for a watch sold in Britain.

CORRECTION

A photograph (May 30) of Mrs Georgina Gulliford, a superintendent physiotherapist in the paediatric department of Guy's Hospital, was wrongly captioned. We apologise for the error.

Old nuclear subs to wait 16 years for deep storage

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN's defunct nuclear-powered submarines will have to remain tied up in dock for a further 16 years because long-term underground storage facilities will not be ready until 2012.

Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, yesterday outlined to MPs the timetable for dealing with the increasing number of Royal Navy nuclear submarines that are being taken out of service. There are already six tied up at the Rosyth base in Fife and four more at Devonport in Portsmouth.

Appearing before MPs on the Commons Defence Committee, Mr Portillo said that it was safer to keep the submarines intact, once the fuel rods had been removed, than to "chop them up" at an early stage when radioactivity contained within them would still be high.

He said the deep storage

facility for intermediate radioactive material proposed by Nirex, the government agency responsible for the long-term disposal of nuclear waste, would not be "on stream" until 2012. Until then, he said, the submarines would remain afloat at the Rosyth and Devonport bases.

Of the six submarines at Rosyth, four have been defuelled — had their nuclear cores removed — and are now empty hulls, although still radioactive. They are *HMS Revenge*, an old Polaris ballistic missile submarine, and three hunter-killer boats, *HMS Dreadnought*, *HMS Swiftsure*, and *HMS Churchill*.

HMS Resolution, another Polaris boat, is in the process of being defuelled, and *HMS Renown*, the third of four Polaris submarines, is waiting to have her fuel rods removed. The fourth Polaris boat, *HMS*

Repulse, has just completed her last patrol and is tied up at Faslane on the Clyde, ready to be decommissioned in two months' time.

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Call a ceasefire, Bruton tells IRA

By NICHOLAS WATT
CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

JOHN BRUTON, the Irish Prime Minister, yesterday sent a blunt message to the IRA to renew its ceasefire after an agreement to allow George Mitchell to chair the all-party talks on Northern Ireland.

He told the Irish Parliament: "It is now a matter of Sinn Féin going to the IRA and asking them to call a ceasefire. They should go now — go now. We have enough violence in this land of ours."

Sinn Féin, which staged another protest at Stormont yesterday at its exclusion from

the talks, studied the agreement that finally confirmed Mr Mitchell, a former United States senator, as chairman of the talks. Republicans say privately that his chairmanship will be a crucial element in persuading the IRA to declare the ceasefire that would allow Sinn Féin to join the talks.

Under the agreement, which was reached after intense negotiations throughout Tuesday, Mr Mitchell will be allowed to take over the chairmanship of the full plenary session until next Wednesday.

In a concession to Ulster Unionists, who want to weaken Mr Mitchell's role, a com-

mittee will examine the extent of his powers. The committee will report to the next full plenary session of the talks.

The agreement over Mr Mitchell led to acrimonious exchanges between the Ulster Unionists and the Democratic Unionists. The Rev Ian Paisley, the DUP leader, who walked out of the talks when Mr Mitchell took over the chairmanship, accused the Ulster Unionists of "betraying Ulster" after they accepted Mr Mitchell's chairmanship.

The UUP accused Mr Paisley and Bob McCartney, leader of the United Kingdom Unionists, of backing down after they attended separate

sessions of the talks under Mr Mitchell's chairmanship during the day to sign up to the principles of non-violence. The DUP claimed that the meeting was not a plenary session and that they had treated the proceedings with "contempt".

The acrimony between the DUP and UUP later led to a live televised spat between David Trimble, the UUP leader, and the Rev Willie McCrea, DUP MP for Mid-Ulster.

John Gorman, a member of the Ulster Unionist Party, was last night nominated by Sir Patrick Mayhew to be chairman of the Northern Ireland Forum, which will hold its first meeting in Belfast tomorrow.

At the time of publication, the photograph of the IRA leader in the background is a composite of several photographs.

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Multinationals express concern over British teenagers' illiteracy

By JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders from some of the world's biggest companies rate British teenagers among the least literate and numerate in Europe, according to a government "skills audit" to be published this afternoon.

A survey of 40 multinationals for today's White Paper on competitiveness found concern about basic skills to be as high in Britain as in the United States, found by successive studies to have a serious illiteracy problem. The companies

reported less concern in France and very little in Germany.

About a fifth of adults in the United Kingdom have poor literacy or numeracy, the White Paper says. Shortcomings are more common in numeracy.

The research was one reason for the Government's announcement of tighter control of training for primary teachers in English and mathematics. Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, admitted that Britain was lagging behind other nations, but said "substantial action" was already in hand or planned.

Britain emerges well from

some areas of the audit, with the multinationals particularly impressed by skills in information technology. The proportion of adults involved in "lifetime learning" is also high by international standards.

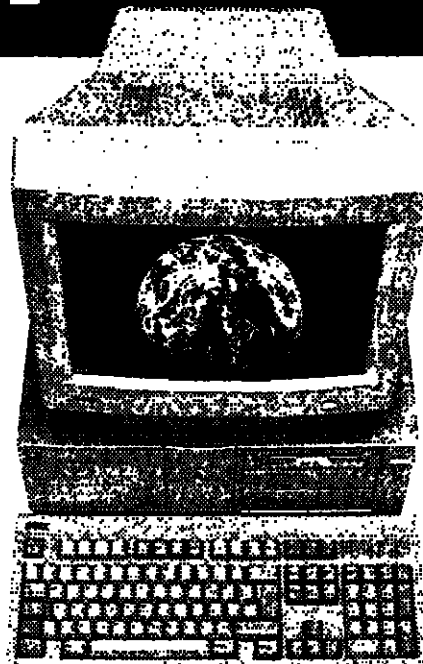
The White Paper will show improvements in a number of areas: the proportion of school-leavers with the equivalent of five high-grade GCSEs is now higher than in France, for example, although still well behind Germany.

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, described the skills audit as "the first own goal of Euro '96".

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Campbell: no suspicion

JP defends endorsing Hamilton guns plea

By STEPHEN FARRELL

A JUSTICE of the Peace who signed Thomas Hamilton's application for a firearms certificate admitted yesterday that he had not known him particularly well in the ten years before the massacre.

Robert Campbell, from Stirling, a former councillor, told Lord Cullen's inquiry that he had met Hamilton only in the street between 1985 and 1995, and had taken him "on trust" over details of his background.

But Mr Campbell, 63, defended his decision to counter-sign Hamilton's applications in 1992 and 1995. Although opposed to guns, he insisted he would still sign them.

He said that he first met Hamilton in 1977 when working next to the youth club leader's woodwork shop. They spoke regularly and, although he never visited Hamilton's house, he had gone sailing on Hamilton's boat on Loch Lomond four times between 1980 and 1984. Boys from the clubs were also there and he saw nothing amiss.

Asked if he had ever seen anything to suggest Hamilton was unfit to hold guns, he said: "No, never, never. I would never have signed the form if I thought that. I knew him well enough to tell him to get lost, but I never had any reason to suspect him."

Mr Campbell was asked about his declaration on Hamilton's firearm applications that he knew "of no reason why the applicant should not be permitted to possess a firearm". He pointed out that Hamilton was teetotal and said: "He was different from most people, but I did not think that he was of unsound mind. He was a very shrewd businessman."

The inquiry continues.

Callum Martin, 5, who had been distressed by the Dunblane killings, has given his toy guns to police as part of the national firearms amnesty. East Kilbride police station, near Glasgow, accepted them and gave Callum a receipt for the ten toy pistols, including water-pistols, sub-machine-guns and space weapons.

Schoolboy shoots himself dead in middle of GCSEs

By KATE ALDERSON

A SCHOOLBOY killed himself with his father's shotgun hours after sitting a GCSE examination paper. The 16-year-old's mother and brother discovered his body lying next to the gun in his bedroom.

Tim Russell, described by colleagues as cheerful but shy, shot himself in the family home at Heath Hayes, Staffordshire, on Tuesday. He was last seen laughing and joking with friends as he left the exam room at Kingsmead High School at Hednesford at 10am that day.

The teenager, who enjoyed art lessons and walking in the fields near his home, appears not to have left a suicide note. However, one of his friends said he had talked of shooting himself if he failed his exams and did not get a job.

His body was found at 4.30pm by his mother Edwina and his brother Daniel, 19. A licensed shotgun belonging to his father Philip, a gardener-handyman, was lying by his side. Police said one shot had been fired.

Chief Inspector Roy Ellwood of Staffordshire Police

ChildLine, the telephone counselling service, said yesterday that it was experiencing its busiest summer as calls flooded in from youngsters worried about examinations. It urged parents not to add to the pressure on children but to try to create a relaxed atmosphere. The charity added that suicide over examination pressure was rare and that often there were other factors involved.

Mr Russell may have been suffering from examination stress. "Along with other Year 11 students, Tim had recently completed his studies and was in the process of sitting his GCSE exams."

"On Tuesday morning he had taken his GCSE science exam. It is so unfortunate at this time of year, when students are sitting GCSE examinations, that some are unable to cope with the stress and unfortunately at times we have tragedies like this."

Mr Ellwood said he regarded it as "relevant" that Tim's

death came in the middle of school examinations, but added that initial police inquiries had not established that he was displaying signs of stress before he died.

Mr Russell, who works on country estates, owns a number of guns that he uses for pest control. Police said he held a shotgun licence and that there was at least one secure firearms cabinet in the family's home. It is not yet clear if the shotgun was locked away on Tuesday.

Tim's fellow pupils were told of his death yesterday morning. Kevin Maycock, deputy head teacher, said everyone was dismayed and shocked by the incident and extended their sympathy to the Russell family.

Bob Merry, chairman of the school governors, said: "We do not always realise the amount of pressure that pupils are under when taking their GCSEs. Some of them must come up against moments of sheer terror."

A number of pupils talked about Tim behaving in a normal manner the day before the science exam. One 16-year-old friend said he left the one-



Tim Russell, who talked about committing suicide if he failed his exams

hour exam with a group of friends. "Most people thought the exam was difficult but Tim and his friends were laughing when they left."

A close friend of Tim's said he had often talked of killing himself with a shotgun if he failed his exams. Leonard Baskerville, 15, spent most of his free time with Tim walking and talking about guns. "He

used to talk about suicide a lot, but I thought it was just foolish talk. His death hasn't sunk in yet. In the last few weeks before the exams he used to talk about killing himself. He said he would do it with a 12-gauge shotgun."

Leonard described his friend as clever and capable and said he had expected him to do well in German, science

and art. "Tim said to me a couple of weeks before the exams that if he did not do well or could not get a job he was going to commit suicide. I never thought for one moment he was serious."

Police are preparing a report for the South Staffordshire coroner and a post-mortem examination is expected today.

Cliff fall victim was terrified of voodoo curse

A GREEN Party activist who believed himself the victim of a witches' coven was found dead at the base of a 300ft cliff, an inquest was told yesterday.

Police said that the incident formed part of a wider investigation centred on what might be black magic rituals in Lewes, East Sussex. Nicholas Gargani was sent a voodoo doll and a cow's heart hammered through with nails shortly before his death. The inquest at Brighton was told. Mr Gargani, 26, was terrified that someone had cursed him.

His body was found at the foot of cliffs near his home in Lewes. He died from multiple injuries. When detectives went to his flat they discovered graffiti claiming that he was the victim of a curse. Pages from a Bible had also been pasted on the wall.

Detective Sergeant Simon Bates told the hearing that the dead man had "an inveterate fear of black magic and witchcraft". He believed that he had been cursed by a member of a black magic coven. "He subsequently burnt the items he was sent to counter a black magic measure."

The last person to see Mr Gargani alive was a 16-year-old friend. "He was quite distressed - he was getting bad dreams and voodoo dolls," the boy said. "He mentioned before he was trying out some magical practices."

Louisa Serrechia, 22, who knew Mr Gargani, said that he had become terrified. "He said someone was trying to kill him and he didn't know who it was. He got telephone calls and things through the post."

The cow's heart had upset him very much. He said it had been going on for sometime. He was absolutely terrified and he didn't know who was doing this to him. Someone had picked on him for a reason. I don't think he had got involved himself."

Detective Sergeant Bates said that Mr Gargani's death formed part of an inquiry into a number of "unusual happenings" in Lewes. "In recent weeks graves have been desecrated and cats killed and nailed to posts outside churches. In the latest incident on Tuesday of this week, three graves were desecrated."

Mr Gargani, who stood last year as a candidate for the Green Party in local elections, told friends shortly before his death that he was going for a walk over the South Downs.

Veronica Hamilton Deely, the coroner, recorded an open verdict. She said: "I certainly can't ignore a cry for help and the evidence suggests that he got caught up in this stuff. I can't explain his death."

Dudley Moore files for divorce No 4

FROM GILES WHITTILL IN LOS ANGELES

AFTER a stormy two-year marriage to a Californian woman barely half his age, Dudley Moore, the British actor and musician, has applied for a divorce.

The 61-year-old entertainer claimed in legal papers filed on Tuesday that "irreconcilable differences" had made the end of his marriage to Nicole Rothschild, 32, inevitable. The break-up was widely expected after reports of a fierce argument in the couple's Los Angeles home last month.

In March 1994, after a ten-year relationship with Ms

Rothschild, whom he had met in Hollywood when she was 18, Mr Moore was arrested and charged with beating her, and was released on \$50,000 bail. The charges against Mr Moore were dropped. The couple were married the following month. Ms Rothschild was Mr Moore's fourth wife.

The couple had moved south from Mr Moore's beachside home in Los Angeles to Orange County, east to the Colorado ski resort of Telluride, and eventually back to California. Last year, a son, Nicholas, was born.



Dudley Moore with Nicole Rothschild, who is his fourth wife, in the year that they married, 1994

Lock-in flushes out disputed cheque

By A STAFF REPORTER

GRANDMOTHERS are proving they are no push-overs when it comes to justice.

After the triumph of Lady Kennet, who kneed a burglar in the groin after she found him trying to steal her computer, a grandmother from Hampshire locked herself in the lavatory of a local estate agent and refused to leave until the firm paid the £450 she said it owed her.

Although she was equipped with enough food, drink and crossword puzzles for a long stay, Lyn Smith, 53, had to wait just four hours

before her demands were met. A senior executive of Stones in Petersfield pushed a cheque for £450 under the bolted door.

The first staff knew of her campaign was when they heard Mrs Smith shout from behind the locked lavatory door: "They owe my daughter £450 and until they pay I'm staying here."

Mrs Smith, from Soberton, claimed that Stones had failed to refund a deposit cheque paid by her for a new home for her daughter. "I would have stayed there all night if needed," she said.

Bored Bulgarian players show Scarborough red card

By PAUL WILKINSON

WHILE England's footballers are pilloried for drinking on tour and nightclubbing only hours after their lacklustre performance against Switzerland, another Euro 96 team have moved out of their hotel to find livelier surroundings.

The Bulgarians have wearied of the delightful but bucolic charms of their three-star accommodation in a Victorian country house hotel, sand-

wich on a clifftop between the North Sea and thousands of acres of heather on the North York Moors.

The Bulgarians are bored with having just snooker, tennis and golf to occupy themselves at the Raven Hall Hotel after training. The nearest town, Scarborough, is ten miles away. They were also dissatisfied with practice facilities at third division Scarborough FC, saying the pitch was too hard and bumpy. But mostly they did not relish a five-

hour, 200-mile round trip tonight and next week to their Group B matches in Newcastle upon Tyne.

Borislav "Bobby" Mihaylov, the Bulgarians' goalkeeper and skipper, who plays for Reading, said: "They are bored. There are not many facilities at the hotel. We have too far to travel to games."

Finding space for a party of 50 with the tournament in full swing has proved difficult. Last night they booked into less than exotic Stock-

ton-on-Tees, at the £108-a-night, four-star Swallow Hotel. They hope at the end of the week to move into the much grander Redworth Hall, outside Darlington. They will take over rooms from by the Romanian team, who in turn move on to Leeds.

For the burghers of Darlington there was some satisfaction in the switch of hotels. The Bulgarians had originally booked to stay there but Scarborough staged a publicity coup by luring them to the seaside with

£25,000 worth of free accommodation. The town had hoped to take £5 million from a predicted 5,000 Bulgarian fans but fewer than 500 turned up.

Last night John Williams, leader of Darlington council, said: "It had been portrayed as a 1-0 victory for Scarborough but I would say now it has ended 2-1 to us, thanks to a last-minute own goal."

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AN OLD mill town is to be streets ahead in the market for status since it will name a road after a development project.
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 The money is required by the Leeds branch of the Groundwork Trust, which is redeveloping the site into a plaza providing facilities for handicapped people, including car parking and a garden.
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Paths to glory: signs of from Reading and south

A noble address
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By Robin Yon

LINKING a name to a street has long been seen as a shortcut to immortality. The most famous instance was that of George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, who sold land in London in the 17th century on condition that the streets on it should carry his name. This resulted in George Court, Villiers Street, Duke Street, Of Alley and Bucking Street all neatly grouped around the Strand. Duke Street is now gone and the Alley has been renamed Villiers Place, but otherwise the Duke's memory lingers on.
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Chance to be the big name in town, next to the Queen

BY PAUL WILKINSON

AN OLD mill town is aiming to be streets ahead in the market for status symbols. It will name a road after whoever puts up £30,000 to finish a development project.

The special deal offers an affluent aristocrat the chance to rub shoulders with royalty and religious zealotry — the unnamed road lies next to Queen Street and Wesley Street in the centre of Morley, near Leeds.

The money is required by the Leeds branch of the Groundwork Trust, which is redeveloping the site into a piazza providing facilities for handicapped people, including car parking and a sensory garden.

Dr John Howden, the branch director, said: "We need the cash to complete the £100,000 project and we thought what a great idea for someone to ensure their name goes on in perpetuity."

"People are happy to pay up

to £20,000 for a personalised number plate, but that is transitory. This way their name will live on long after they have gone."

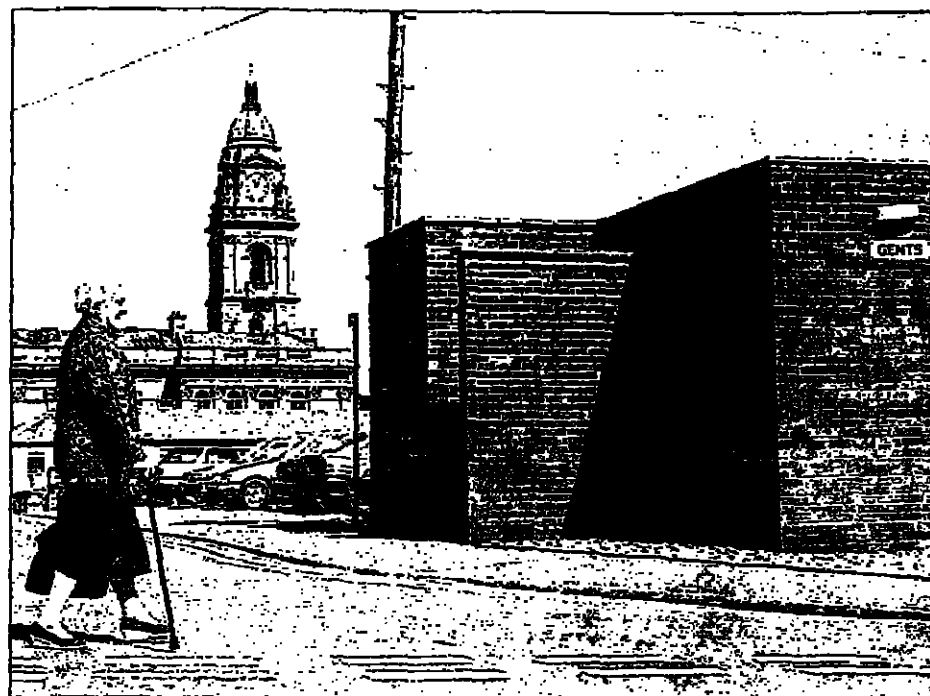
"It is an ideal way of commemorating a loved one or perhaps a company would want to promote its identity. I am sure it's tax-deductible. As long as it is legal, decent, honest and truthful, we will be happy." The final choice would have to be approved by planners from Leeds City Council, which has already sanctioned such epoch-makers as Mandela Court and Canal Street.

People seeking to attach themselves to Morley should know the site was once the home of Donald Neilson, the kidnapper better known as the Black Panther. The house where he lived has long since been demolished. Morley's other claims to fame are few. Developed during the last century on the back of the

cloth industry, probably its most famous son and daughter were the Liberal Prime Minister Herbert Asquith and the recently deceased racing cyclist, Beryl Burton.

Its particular brand of thick cloth, made from "Shoddy" or recycled material, was sold for uniforms to both sides of the American Civil War. As a result it gave the world the phrase "the Blue and the Grey", grey for the undyed material and navy blue for one of the few colours the cloth would take. It was also once the rhubarb capital of England, sending up to 60 tons a day to Covent Garden market until the 1950s. Its geographical position almost equidistant from Liverpool and Hull, London and Edinburgh, has often earned it the title of "the centre of the universe" among expatriate Tykes, although not by anyone else.

The street itself is just 100 yards long. On one side is a former shoddy mill, now converted into the Morley Heritage Centre, commemorating the town's industrial past and the Trust offices. On the other is a car park on the site of a terrace of Victorian houses.



Putting your name on the map: the street where £30,000 buys immortality

At the end is the Zion non-conformist chapel and the street's one house. It is currently occupied by Jean Oates, the church caretaker, and her two sons, David, 26, and Robert, 22. David said: "I would not pay 30p to have it named after me, let alone

£30,000. I suppose it would be nice to have a street named after you, but we have got by for eight years without one."

"If it was named after someone important, it would be fair enough, but really it's a waste of money. During the day it gets busy with 300 cars parking opposite us. Our relatives cannot park outside. A better name might be Piccadilly Circus."

Yorkshire already a number of exotic names on its gazetteers. Perhaps the most un-

usual is Whip-na-whop-ma-gate, a narrow entrance to the Shambles in York, once the site of a whipping post for adulterers. However, the name is believed to be a corruption of the 16th-century local dialect phrase Whitnour-whanour, a sort of inquisitive jocular comment asking: "What sort of thing is that?"

Other great Yorkshire street names include Pissy Beds Common in Doncaster, Arguments Yard in Whitby and Bad Bargain Lane in York.

Rapist who posed as a priest is jailed again

BY AUDREY MAGEE

THE man convicted of raping the Conservative Party member known as Judy was jailed yesterday for stealing from an Irish priest.

John Cronin, 25, from Tranent, East Lothian, began a 12-month term in an Irish jail for stealing £1,150. Cronin came to notoriety after a mother of four, known only as Judy, told the 1993 Tory conference in Scotland that she had been raped and viciously assaulted.

Cronin emerged as the assailant who had gained access to her house by posing as a priest. He was sentenced to life imprisonment, reduced to six years on appeal. He served four years and went to Ireland last May.

In Ireland Cronin befriended Canon Sean Rooney, from Mohill, Co Leitrim. He stole the money from the priest's bedroom when Canon Rooney was out and spent most of it on drink with his girlfriend.

Cronin was arrested last week in the Irish parliament, dressed as a priest.

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Paths to glory: signs of the times honour great names from Reading and south London, top, to Westminster

A noble form of address for the greatest of all

BY ROBIN YOUNG AND KIRSTIE HEPBURN

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royal links. More recently, council and private developers have taken to thematic naming. Andover in Hampshire reveres more than 30 cricketers, 18 admirals and a flight of RAF heroes on its estates. Harrow in Middlesex has sportsmen and women. Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, commemorates British film personalities.

The rhyme and reason is not always obvious. Ayrton Senna Road in Reading, Berkshire, should have been a Drive, surely? Dorchester in Dorset goes for ancient history and mythology.

Nottingham has a bill of music hall stars, plus Torvill Avenue and Dean Drive. Close and Road, Kettering also has a Torvill (Crescent) grouped with a (Linford) Christie Way, (Sally) Gunnell Close, (Daley) Thompson Way, and (Colin) Jackson Way. South-west London has Tessa Sanderson Place.

Milton Keynes has dedications to composers: Britten Grove, Wagner Close, Holst Crescent, Edgar Grove, Mozart Close. More popularly there are (Charlie) Chaplin Grove, (Bing) Crosby Court, (Jimi) Hendrix Drive, (John) Lennon Drive, (Marilyn) Monroe Avenue, (Roy) Orbison Court, Holly Close for Buddy, Mercury Grove for Freddie and (Elvis) Presley Way.

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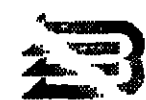
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Ministers invite comprehensives to go grammar

By JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

MINISTERS are to invite local authority comprehensive schools to defy Labour councillors and become fully selective to meet the Prime Minister's target of a grammar school in every town.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, admitted yesterday that the move was necessary because John Major's aim of re-establishing a national grammar school network was unlikely to be fulfilled under original proposals to create selective schools from scratch. A White Paper to be published this month will offer incentives for comprehensives to fill the gaps.

At a briefing on a series of measures calculated to silence critics on the Right of her party, Mrs Shephard promised to make it easier for schools in Labour areas to apply for grammar status. She expected many to become selective in the next few years.

The White Paper will allow grant-maintained schools to select up to half their pupils without government approval, while local authority schools are restricted to a lower figure.

Legislation to be outlined in September will include tougher measures on school discipline and new powers of inspection, as well as additional selection. Schools will be permitted to impose detentions against parents' wishes and to exclude pupils for up to 45 days at a time, rather than the

Learning and teaching in 85 per cent of Scottish primary schools and 80 per cent of secondary schools was "good" or "very good", a survey by HM Inspector of Schools found. But Raymond Robertson, a Scottish Office Minister, said he was appalled at the lack of urgency shown by local authorities in introducing compulsory national tests and concerned that arrangements for meeting pupils' needs were no better than "fair" in 40 per cent of schools.

present 15-day maximum. Head teachers and opposition parties dismissed the proposed extension of selection as irrelevant to educational needs.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "Any major extension of selection in our view is a recipe for chaos and instability. There does have to be some planning in the education system and I am very concerned that we might be moving from parental choice to school choice."

Teachers' leaders were more enthusiastic about Mrs Shephard's plans to reform teacher training. Colleges and university departments will be required to follow a "national curriculum" on English and mathematics for primary teachers. Mrs Shephard said all English courses would have to show students how to

teach reading through phonics. In the longer term, the Teacher Training Agency would recast government requirements for other courses along similar lines. These would include in-service provision to cover experienced teachers as well as trainees.

Mrs Shephard brushed aside suggestions that government interference in higher education would threaten academic freedom. "I think that the interests of children and parents come first and, if 46 per cent of newly qualified teachers can say they don't feel equipped practically to deal with the challenge of the classroom, there needs to be more prescription."

In a speech to a CBI conference, Mrs Shephard said action was needed because research to be published today in the Competitiveness White Paper showed Britain was lagging behind other nations in literacy and numeracy. Although British performance was improving, Germany in particular was well ahead.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said: "We have been asking for 20 or 25 years that teacher training should do more to prepare teachers for the classroom. The trouble is the Government has been procrastinating and listening to advisers, inspectors and administrators instead of teachers."

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The present residence of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, to be put up for sale for up to £350,000

Prelate trades down in property market

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT



Kelly: Archbishop's House too big for him

THE Roman Catholic Archbishop-elect of Liverpool, the Right Rev Patrick Kelly, has decided against living in his palatial episcopal residence in favour of something more modest.

The former Bishop of Salford has decided the four-bedroom, three-bathroom Georgian house with its walled garden in one of the smarter areas of Liverpool is too big. He is to move into a smaller, modern, detached house near by. The imposing Archbishop's House in Mossley Hill will be put on the market for between £300,000 and £350,000.

described as "in need of repairs". The new house, which was intended to be a retirement residence for the late Archbishop Derek Worlock, has room for an office and living quarters for the Archbishop, his chaplain and guests. It will be refurbished before he moves in.

Archbishop's House was cared for by nuns from Birmingham's Selly Park sisters while Archbishop Worlock lived there. It has been the home of the Catholic Archbishop since Archbishop George Beck moved there in 1973 from an even bigger mansion. After Arch-

bishop Worlock died, the nuns moved out of the convent attached to the house.

Bishop Kelly explained: "The Green Lane residence, since the community of sisters based there left, is simply too big for my needs. It would be home only to my chaplain and myself. The time has come to take stock."

The speed of his decision contrasts with the Church of England, where a seven-year review of all 44 bishops' homes is underway. Only one, the £1 million detached home of the Bishop of Portsmouth, has so far been earmarked for sale.

Dentists to be paid extra for children

By JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

EXTRA cash for children's dentistry, part of a deal to end a four-year pay dispute with dentists, was announced by the Government yesterday.

Gerald Malone, the Health Minister, told the Commons that in addition to the annual capitation fees paid for the dental care of children, dentists would receive fees for fillings and other treatments.

The changes are intended to improve care for children after evidence that their dental health has worsened, especially in poor urban areas. They will mean that children's share of the NHS dental budget of £1.4 billion will rise from 24 to 26 per cent.

The British Dental Association (BDA) said: "If you happen to work in an area where children have grim teeth you are caught. Now dentists should be able to take on a child under any circumstances because the financial disincentive has been removed."

However, there are no proposals to improve adult dental care, which is increasingly moving into the private sector as dentists refuse to take on new NHS patients. Under the new deal, payments for adult NHS patients will be reduced by cutting the period for which they are registered from 24 to 15 months and by reducing the budget for expensive treatments by £10 million.

There is a sideways move of cash out of the adult pool into the children's pool. If anything it will make adult NHS care harder to provide," a BDA spokesman said.

The dispute began in 1992 after dentists registered more patients than expected under their new contract and earned an average £16,500 above what was expected. The Health Department demanded a 13.5 per cent fee cut, later reduced to 7 per cent, and the return of the overpayment. Dentists claimed it had been earned and paid in good faith and refused to pay it back.

Yesterday, Mr Malone agreed to waive the overpayment. In addition, individual grants of up to £40,000 will be available to health authorities to help to pay for services in areas where people cannot find an NHS dentist.

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Bottomley to warn lottery boards over money for minorities

By ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY, the Heritage Secretary, is to warn the heads of the five good causes distributing lottery money that the public will stop buying lottery tickets if they continue to give money to controversial minority groups.

Mrs Bottomley is to remind the boards giving grants to charities, the arts, sport, heritage and the millennium celebrations of their public accountability. The move

comes after the Prime Minister's criticism on Tuesday of four grants made by the National Lottery Charities Board to groups that help homosexuals and prostitutes.

While grants to charities such as the Samaritans and the Red Cross would meet with general approval, Mrs Bottomley said, there was disquiet about others. "The Lottery needs to maintain public confidence. Many will feel that there are a handful of groups which are not in line with this."

She is understood to feel that the

grant-giving bodies are treading a fine line between being seen to be independent and appearing to be downright arrogant. She has already asked David Sieff, chairman of the charities board, for an explanation of the four grants singled out by John Major on Tuesday and is to raise the issue with the heads of the other distributing boards at a meeting next month.

Her main concern is that if the boards continue to refuse to accept public feeling about lottery grants, it will damage the National Lottery.

Sources say her concern applies equally to "elitist" grants such as the £78 million grant to the Royal Opera House as to "politically correct" hand-outs to minority groups.

The distributing boards are independent of the Government but accountable to Parliament. With the exception of the Millennium Commission, the chairs of the boards are appointed by the Heritage Secretary or the Prime Minister.

It is understood that Mr Major's comments that some of the board's latest grants were "ill-founded and

ill-judged" was prompted by Tory backbenchers in marginal seats who feared the hand-outs might not be popular with their constituents.

Mr Sieff last night defended the board's decision to give grants to minority groups. "The people receiving these grants are human beings and I am hurt by the reaction to news that they are to get lottery money. By law, we must consider grant applications on their merits and these were very good projects," he said. The board would begin a consultation exercise in the autumn

to determine how people wanted lottery money to be spent.

Jack Cunningham, Shadow National Heritage Secretary, said yesterday there were "major bottle-necks" in the distribution of lottery money for good causes, a year and a half after the game started. According to government figures, 90 per cent of money for the arts, 92 per cent for sports and 95 per cent for charities remains unspent.

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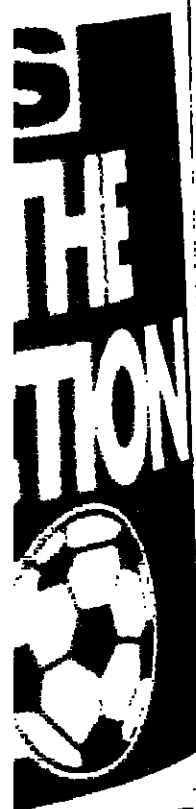
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Germans criticise massive increase in overseas sales for 'spreading the danger of BSE'

British firms exported outlawed animal feed

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR, AND SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

BRITISH exports of animal feeds potentially contaminated with the agent for "mad cow" disease more than doubled in the years after they were banned as ruminant feeds in Britain. France, Israel and Thailand were all big buyers, according to official statistics.

The action of Britain in continuing to export the feed after 1989 has been attacked by an official in the German Agriculture Ministry's animal diseases division. Udo Weimer is quoted in the science journal *Nature* as saying: "They knew that meat and bone meal was dangerous, yet they exported it and spread the danger." When

exports in the EU were banned, Britain continued to export feed to other parts of the world, Mr Weimer said.

An unnamed official from the British Veterinary Association was quoted as saying: "I badgered our chief veterinary officer, saying that having identified a 'poisoned food' it was immoral to export it. I was told it was up to the importing countries to put in place all the guarantees."

British officials argue that while the feed had been banned for ruminants, it was still allowed for use in pigs and poultry, and there was no reason not to export it. The EC did not apply a community-wide ban on British feeds,

partly because member states had applied their own.

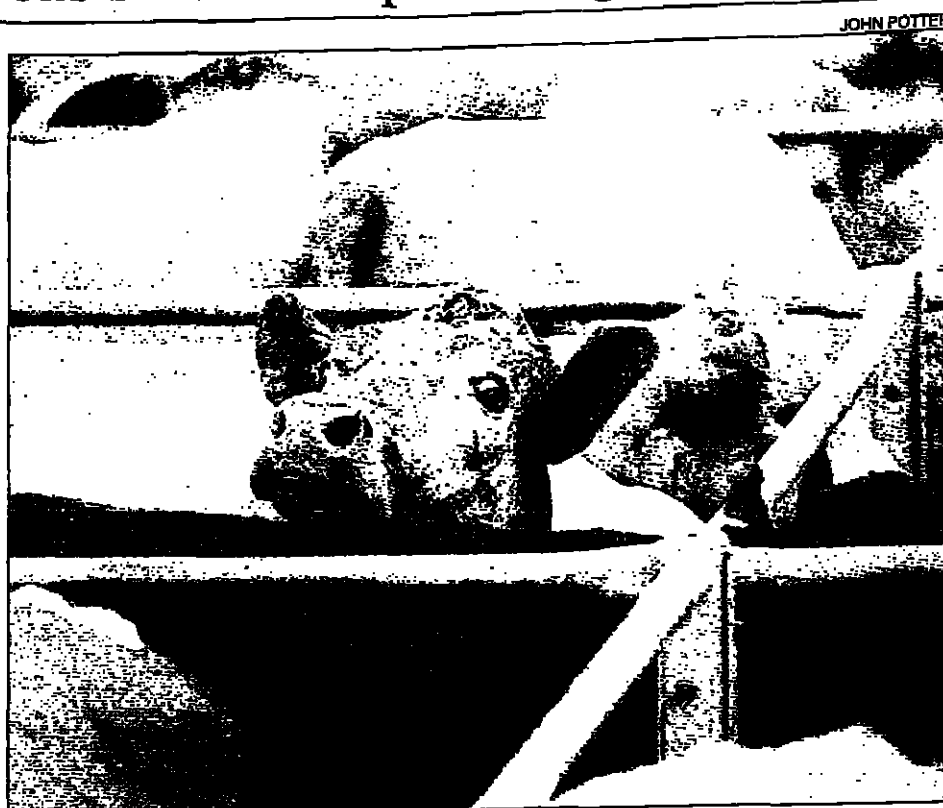
Exports in 1988 amounted to about 20,000 tons. The following year they shot up to 45,000 tons. More than a third went to France. The French banned the imports for ruminants on August 3, 1989. However, competitive prices of British feed attracted new clients outside the EU. In 1991 Israel imported 10,000 tons and Thailand 6,200 tons. *Nature* said that figures for following years were unavailable, but the exports continued.

France may have been saved from higher levels of BSE because it uses lower levels of meat and bonemeal in cattle feed — 1.5 per cent

rather than up to 12 per cent in Britain. Most of the exported feed was probably fed to pig and chickens, who do not develop BSE-like diseases.

A French expert was quoted in *Le Monde* yesterday as saying that while "sporadic cases of BSE have been registered in France, Portugal, Switzerland and Ireland, from the evidence, other EU countries are affected by BSE but are hiding the truth".

In Jerusalem, a spokeswoman for the Health ministry said: "Since 1988, Israel has not imported any animal-based cattle feed from Britain." Israel did import British chicken feed, "but we know this is not contaminated".



Beyond suspicion: an animal waiting in the pens at Banbury cattle market. British farmers were banned after 1989 from giving the suspect food to ruminants

Tonsil test may help to identify infection

BY NIGEL HAWKES

A NEW test developed by Dutch scientists might be used to identify cows suffering from BSE before symptoms appear, avoiding the slaughter of healthy animals.

The scientists have shown that scrapie, a sheep disease similar to BSE, can be detected by testing samples taken from the animals' tonsils. The test shows positive results in infected animals a year before symptoms appear.

They admit it may not work with cattle. But in a report in the journal *Nature* they argue that "it is surely worth investigating our suggestion further". At present the prion diseases, which include BSE, scrapie and CJD, can be diagnosed with complete certainty only after death.

Dr Bram Schreuder and colleagues from the Institute for Animal Science and Health at Lelystad have used antibodies to detect the abnormal prion protein from sheep tonsils. Tests in which cattle lymph tissues — which include tonsils — have been fed to mice have not transferred the infection. But Dr Schreuder argued that, even if cattle tonsils did not prove useful for the test, another tissue or organ might.

Euro vets call for thousands more cattle to be slaughtered



FROM CHARLES BREMMER IN BRUSSELS

EUROPEAN officials pressed Britain yesterday to slaughter thousands more cattle than the 80,000 already proposed to clear the way for an accord to end the beef crisis.

As British officials handed the European Commission a revised version of the framework plan for easing the overall export ban, the Standing Veterinary Committee, composed of national officials, insisted

on a deeper selective cull. The plan is the subject of hectic negotiations in Brussels and EU capitals as diplomats try to strike a compromise that could end the British campaign of obstruction in time for the EU summit in Florence next week.

Keith Meldrum, the Chief Veterinary Officer, said his colleagues appeared ready to endorse the overall BSE eradication programme provided the selective cull was extended to cattle born in 1989 and 1990. The existing plan dooms animals born

between 1991 and 1993 in herds where others of the same age had suffered BSE. Experts said the vets' demand would mean the killing of several thousand more beasts.

Britain and the Commission have voiced optimism over the prospects for a framework agreement next week, but resistance remains high in Germany and several other states to any commitment to relaxing the ban before Britain has proved that BSE has been virtually eradicated.

The framework scheme aims to

achieve agreement on the scientific criteria Britain must meet for each phase of easing the export ban. With an overall plan, it will be harder for reluctant states to block decisions in the veterinary committee, which must rule on each step. The committee is due to review the framework on Friday before handing it to foreign ministers in Rome on Monday. The Commission may endorse it next Tuesday, in time for

the Commission President, called Britain's latest framework "a realistic basis" for a solution. Since an end to British obstruction is implicit in any deal, an explosive political equation has to be solved if leaders are to agree in Florence. The continental states dare not risk being seen to cave in to British "blackmail", as the Government's blocking policy is widely seen. John Major is aware that anything that smacks of a climbdown will hand powerful ammunition to Tory Euro-sceptics.

A spokesman for Jacques Santer,

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Chilham Castle, set in a Capability Brown garden

Agents cut price of castle by £1m

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

A 17TH-CENTURY castle has fallen to market forces and is being offered for £1 million less than in 1994. Chilham Castle, near Canterbury, reputedly designed by Inigo Jones and with terraced gardens created by Capability Brown, is now priced at £2.5 million.

It was put up for sale in 1994 by the family of Viscount Massereene and Ferrard after the death of the 13th Viscount. Potential buyers, including Mick Jagger, have been unmoved by its wood-panelled reception rooms and marble swimming pool hidden under the floor of the Gothic-style hall. The agents Savills are reducing the price today and dividing the property in three lots.

The first lot, priced at £1 mil-

lion to £1.5 million, consists of the castle, two cottages, the gardens, immediate grounds and 79 acres. The second lot, for £500,000, consists of the 217 acres of park and woodland. The third lot consists of the dovecote and stable yard, which has planning consent for 21 homes.

Chilham was built in 1616 for Sir Dudley Digges. The three-storey, hexagonal house has an impressive main staircase and the gardens feature yew topiary. There are five main reception rooms and eight bedrooms in the main house and four flats, parts of which are in a 19th-century extension.

In 1944, the author Somerset de Chair bought the house and sold it five years later to the future 13th Viscount.

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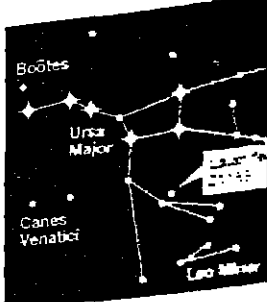


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BY NIGEL HAWKES

THE solar system is moving faster than any other star just as it appears to have an orbit around it. If confirmed, our closest neighbour, the Sun, would be any other planet orbiting the Sun. The planet is likely to be a gas giant. The discovery of planets has been a major part of the University of Cambridge's research into the solar system.



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Neighbours in space are closer than we thought

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE solar system may have planetary neighbours far closer than anybody suspected. A star just eight light years away — virtually on the same block — in astronomical terms — appears to have two planets in orbit around it.

If confirmed, these will be our closest planetary neighbours, four times nearer than any other planet detected in orbit around stars other than the Sun. However, neither planet is likely to contain life.

The existence of the two planets has been inferred by Dr George Gatewood of the University of Pittsburgh. Observations by astronomers of a star called Lalande 21185 over

could support life. Lalande 21185 is a red dwarf, too dim to be visible from Earth, and the planets are too far away from it. The evidence is that the planets lie on the same plane, as do the Sun's planets, and that their orbits are almost precisely circular.

This increases the chances that they are planets and not failed stars, such as brown dwarfs, captured by the star. Dr Robert Brown, of the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, said that "these facts taken together are precisely the defining characteristics of planets versus other companions like stars or brown dwarfs" whose orbits are more elliptical and unlikely to line up on the same plane.

Though adding "all the usual caveats", Dr Brown said that "this sounds like a very exciting result".

Steve Maran, an astronomer at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Centre in Greenbelt, Maryland, said: "These are the first ones that are really like our solar system."

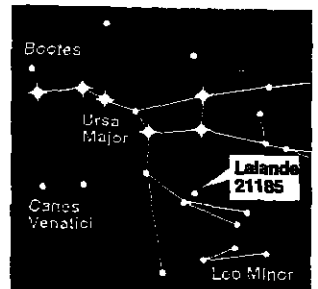
British astronomers have deepened the mystery over the origin of the universe by finding a relatively old galaxy in a region that seems too young to contain it. A team led by Dr James Dunlop, from the Institute of Astronomy in Edinburgh, reports in *Nature* that a galaxy called 53W091 is so distant that its signals have taken most of the age of the universe to reach us. We see the galaxy as it appeared about 1.6 billion years after the Big Bang, but the spectrum of the stars in the galaxy implies that they are 3.5 billion years old. This has "far-reaching implications", the team says.

The discovery, made with US colleagues, is another example of paradoxical evidence that the universe appears younger than stars it contains.

the past 66 years show that it is moving towards the Earth at 50 miles a second. That in itself is not surprising, but the motion periodically speeds up and then slows, a "wobble" that could be caused by the rotation of planets around the star. Dr Gatewood told a meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Madison, Wisconsin.

He estimates that two planets, one circling at about the same distance as Saturn is from the Sun, and a second much closer, could account for the anomalies. The more distant planet would take about 30 years to orbit, and the other one six years.

Dr Gatewood does not think it likely that either planet



Steven Fischer examines examples of Easter Island script, at his home on Waiheke Island, New Zealand. They embody beliefs about creation

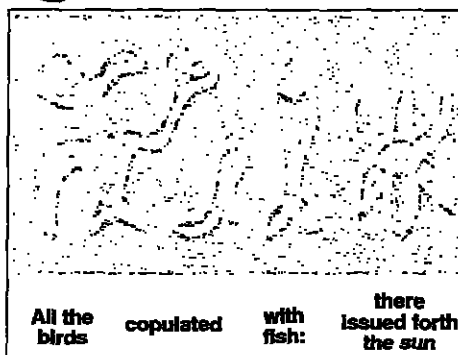
Language of Easter Island deciphered

BY NICK NUTTALL

A RESEARCHER is claiming to have deciphered the hieroglyphics of Easter Island, famed for its giant stone-carved heads and strange texts.

Steven Fischer, a former lecturer at Canterbury University, New Zealand, believes the hieroglyphics are "cosmology chants" set down by the island's priests in the 18th century in an attempt to explain creation. His findings are backed by Thomas Barthel, of the University of Tübingen, Germany, the leading authority on the script, and Paul Bahn, a British archaeologist and co-author of the book *Easter Island*.

Over six years, Mr Fischer, director of the Institute of Polynesian Language and Literature, visited museums housing the remaining tablets and examples of the



An example of the hieroglyphics, believed to date from the 18th century

Easter Island script. The texts were reported in the 1860s by a French missionary but their meaning had been lost. In the 1950s, Dr Barthel concluded that the text was a simple rather than a developed language.

Mr Bahn, who has reported the new findings in *New Scientist*, said yesterday: "It seems most likely that the

script was a very late phenomenon, inspired by a visit from the Spanish in 1770." The visitors flourished a proclamation annexing the island to Spain, which the island priests and chiefs were asked to sign in their language.

"This was probably their first experience of speech embodied in parallel lines. And they seem to have adopted

this form of writing using characters derived from motifs already present in the island's rich rock art," Mr Bahn said. This then evolved into a fully formed written language. The clue came from a piece of Easter Island text, at the Santiago Museum of Natural History. A study of photographs shows that its horizon

tal inscription is divided, roughly, into multiples of three vertical hieroglyphics, or "triads", linked with a penis motif.

One piece of the text shows a bird with a penis, followed by a fish and a sun. This translates as "all the birds copulated with fish and there issued forth the sun," Mr Fischer believes. Studies of 22 tablets have also yielded the triad pattern of hieroglyphics and these are also believed to be creation tales.

The view is supported by the log of an American ship that visited the island in 1886. Officers recalled that islanders had chants for at least 41 "fanciful copulations".

Mr Fischer, whose findings will be published next year, believes that 85 per cent of the Easter Island text is concerned with creation.

Mr Bahn said most of the statues were built between 1100 and 1500 AD.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Psychic aid for Moors boy mother

Winnie Johnson, 62, mother of Keith Bennett, the Moors murder victim whose body was never found, returned to Saddleworth Moor, near Manchester, with Teresa Walsh, a medium, on what would have been his forty-fourth birthday. The moor has been the scene of several police searches since the 12-year-old boy disappeared in 1964. Myra Hindley herself failed to locate his grave.

Oyston at work

Owen Oyston, 62, the multi-millionaire jailed for six years for rape, has been moved to Wymott Prison, a medium-security training prison near Preston, Lancashire. He has been set to work with his hands and is paid £7 a week.

Island stabbing

A Briton has been stabbed to death on the Philippine island of Boracay, where he owned a bar. Police said Stephen Abbott, 44, from London, was killed as he returned from a fishing trip. A worker from another bar was arrested.

False fortune

Camelot, the National Lottery organiser, has ordered a newsagent in Poole to remove a sign in his window claiming that a winning £131,309 ticket was bought at his shop. Camelot said that the winner did not exist.

Paraglider hurt

A paraglider suffered a broken pelvis and leg fractures when his parachute failed to open fully after jumping from cliffs at Ynys-Lochyn, Cardiganshire. He was rescued by the crew of an inshore lifeboat and airlifted to hospital.

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Clarke's almost impossible mission is the Tories' only hope

Kenneth Clarke wants to achieve the near-impossible and be an economically responsible Chancellor. In his Mansion House speech last night, he offered a corrective to the wishful thinking of the sceptic Right. But he was not just being sensible. His approach offers the Tories their only, pretty slim, hope of approaching the election in even a semi-coherent state.

Pre-election budgets almost always err on the side of risk rather than caution. They assume too high a rate of economic growth, take a relaxed attitude to

public spending and, consequently, reduce taxes by too much. After the subsequent election, corrective action has to be taken with cutbacks in pre-election spending plans and increases in the tax burden. In many respects, the biggest criticism of John Major in the 1990-92 period is over his support for sizeable increases in public spending disconnected with the recession — which were later paid for through higher taxes. Mr Clarke's warning last night that "tax cuts that could not be afforded would inevitably have to be reversed" is the bitter lesson of the first half of the 1990s.

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Mr Clarke has little choice in view of the deterioration in public finances. After overshooting its target levels for the past two years, public borrowing is widely forecast to overshoot by at least £4 billion in the current financial year — pushing the goal of a balanced Budget even further into the future.

Despite the protests of the Tory Right, there is not a short-term problem of public spending control. Spending, and particu-

larly central government payroll costs, have been squeezed tightly for three years in a row, and these plans have been achieved. Spending is falling steadily as a share of national income. Admittedly, the slowdown in inflation has eased some of the pressure in practice. But there is little scope for further big cuts in the short-term, especially since social security spending is higher than forecasts and at least £1 billion will have to be spent on dealing with BSE.

The main reason for the overshoot in borrowing is a shortfall in tax receipts, amounting to nearly £10 billion in

the 1995-96 financial year. This is partly because of the slowdown in growth earlier this year, but also reflects deeper changes in the structure of public finances. This has been puzzling the Treasury and the revenue departments. They believe there are a variety of explanations: the growth of the black or unofficial economy, more sophisticated tax avoidance arrangements and, in particular, avoidance of VAT after the increase to 17½ per cent. Together these developments have reduced tax receipts for any given level of economic output.

On this view, people have

already received their tax cuts, albeit indirectly. The implication is that tax receipts should be increased to put public borrowing back on course. The real mistake has been to increase rates of VAT, rather than to have broadened the scope of VAT. The former is always easier politically. Even Nigel Lawson at the height of his powers in the mid-1980s was dissuaded from some controversial extensions of VAT. And the bloody nose the Tories received in December 1994 when they were forced to abandon the second stage of the extension of VAT to domestic fuel will act as a

deterrent to any further broadening of the scope of VAT. Gordon Brown may live to regret his unequivocal language on this point.

Mr Clarke will not, of course, go down this path. But the implication of his speech last night is that his Cabinet colleagues will have to trim their programmes if there are to be tax cuts. Spending and tax plans will no doubt have to be revised after the election. But Mr Clarke is at least trying to be a semi-virtuous pre-election Chancellor.

PETER RIDDELL

Peers relish chance to have their say on Labour reforms

BY ALICE THOMSON AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

PEERS may be given the chance to deliberate their own future next month in a two-day constitutional debate in the House of Lords.

Viscount Cranborne, the Tory leader of the Lords, is seriously considering holding the debate, which would allow peers to discuss whether they should forfeit their right to vote and abandon their palace on the Thames.

Although Tony Blair has made it clear that he would like to see the House of Lords reformed, creating a chamber consisting only of working peers who would eventually be replaced by elected Members, government policy until now has been to stay quiet on the issue. But Lord Cranborne has spent the last year taking discreet soundings and many of the 700 hereditary peers, are convinced they must discuss their future before any change of government. They are worried that under the first part of Labour's plans the House would be just as undemocratic, being made up of working peers dependent on the patronage of the Prime Minister.

The Liberal Democrats are concerned that Labour's plans do not go far enough. They have said that they would

rather rely on the "serendipitous opinion of the illegitimate progeny of past kings" mistresses, than the appointees of a modern prime minister.

Two recent influential reports by the Constitution Unit and a cross-party group of peers, which call for a debate on constitutional reform, have added to the urgency.

The Government will not say whether it will use the occasion to announce reforms to pre-empt Labour but its most likely alternative would be to allow hereditary peers to choose a proportion of their colleagues to represent them. Labour may try to force a vote on whether hereditary peers should remain in the Upper House but Tory business managers are determined to prevent that.

The second day would be devoted to discussing Scottish devolution, on which Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, would probably be pitched against Lord Irvine of Lairg, for Labour, in a government attempt to ridicule Labour's plans.

Yesterday most hereditary peers seemed to relish the idea of a debate. Many admit they are now an anomaly in a "classless Britain" and are undemocratic, indefensible

and male-dominated, but they are convinced that peerage should not be tinkered with because it works. If the debate goes ahead, they will warn Labour that trying to bring in devolution and reform the Lords would risk becoming bogged down with constitutional issues and having no time for anything else.

Most Liberal Democrat peers will make it clear that they want a fully elected Upper House. Yesterday their party leader, Paddy Ashdown, accused Tony Blair of "half-hearted" commitment to constitutional reform. He criticised Labour for failing to define the powers of its Welsh and Scottish assemblies, refusing to commit itself to a referendum on Europe, and putting forward vague proposals to change the Lords.

In a speech to the Oxford Union he said: "Labour seems to see the task of modernising our constitution as little more than a talisman of modernity... rather than the foundation which makes possible all the other changes that Britain needs. As a result, Labour's commitment can appear half-hearted, their attention to detail insufficient and their willingness to stand and fight for change unconvincing."

Taylor in favour of linguistic union

BY ALICE THOMSON

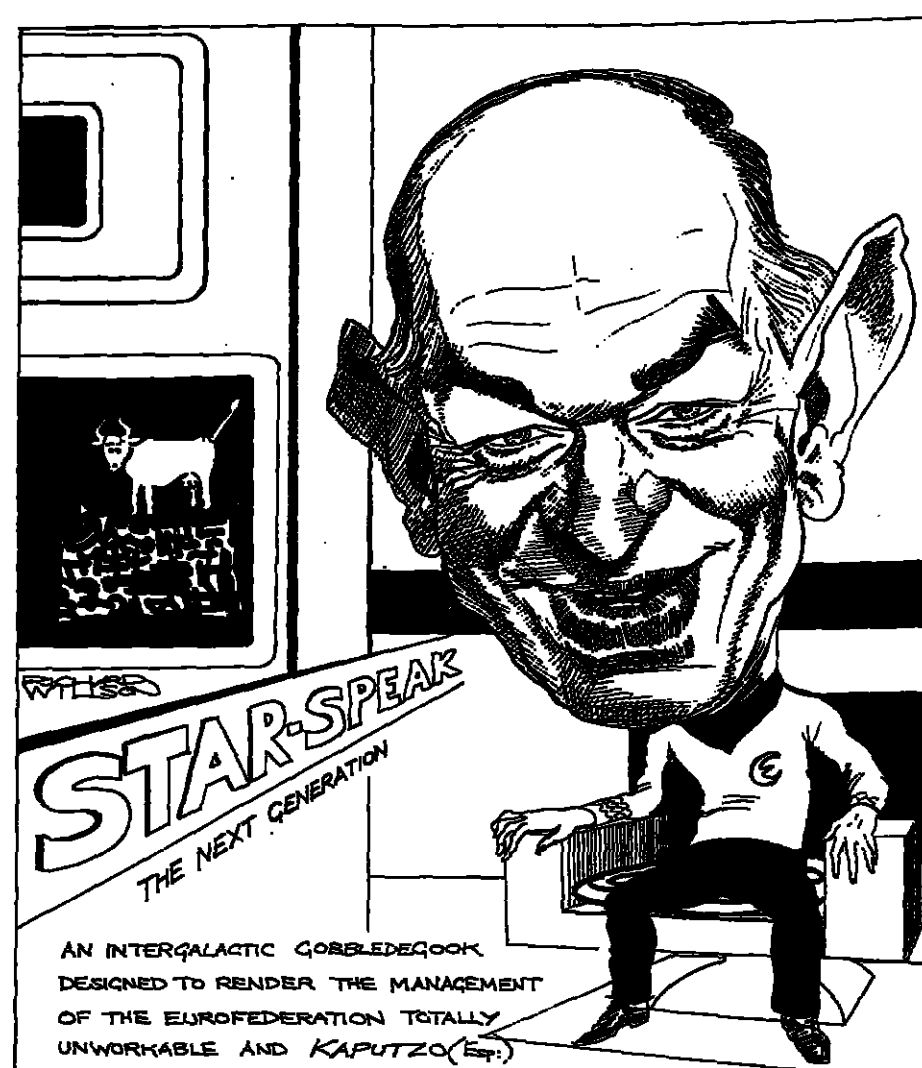
ESPERANTO speakers have found an unlikely ally in the Euro-sceptic Tory MP Sir Teddy Taylor.

He may be against a single European currency and much of the common agricultural and common fisheries policies, but he is an avid proponent of a sharing of a common linguistic policy with our European neighbours.

Yesterday the Esperanto lobby began a last-ditch effort to convince the British to start speaking their international lingua-franca in Europe. They are deeply concerned that MEPs and MPs from almost every other country are making an effort to learn the language but in Britain even Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, has no idea how to veto directives in Esperanto ("Ne").

Sir Teddy, however, is chairman of the all-party Esperanto parliamentary group and is almost fluent in the language. He said: "This isn't a European issue, it's an international one. It would greatly improve understanding across the world and ease misunderstanding if every child learnt it at school. Organisations spend billions every year on translation, which is ridiculous."

Esperanto supporters are determined to force more British politicians and civil



servants to take their "lingvo", now almost 100 years old, more seriously. They claim that eight million people speak it, including the Pope.

About 5,000 people in Britain are in touch with the Esperanto Asocio de Britujo but last year the Government scrapped a GCSE in the

subject because they thought it had become outdated.

The campaigners want a Europe-wide teaching programme and research into making Esperanto the EU's juridical language. They also want a cost analysis of how much translation fees cost Brussels, pointing out that

memos on saving lavatory paper have to be printed in twelve languages.

Martyn McClelland, of the Asocio, said: "We need a final push and Britain must not be left behind or we won't be able to answer our European neighbours even if it is just to disagree with them."

Attempt to combat sex trial porn fails

BY JAMES LANDALE

LABOUR'S attempt to prevent evidence from sex-offence trials being circulated as pornography in prisons was defeated in the Commons last night after the Government rejected the party's proposals as flawed.

The amendment to the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill was defeated by 235 votes to 186, a government majority of 49.

The legislation, which went through its detailed report stage yesterday, reforms the law on the disclosure of evidence by the prosecution and the defence in criminal cases, and introduces new sanctions against the "nobbling" of judges and witnesses.

Alun Michael, Labour's home affairs spokesman, claimed that the Government had been aware for some time that material used in trials of sex offenders was circulating in prisons. "It is not right for such material, very often being photographs of innocent victims or the interviews that have taken place very often with women or with vulnerable children, being inside prison or elsewhere in order to provide a form of pornography of the most disgraceful kind," he said. "It is a scandal that exists now and has to be tackled now."

But David Maclean, the Home Office Minister, said that Labour's proposed new clause was "fundamentally flawed". Misuse of such trial material needed to be prevented but it was a "difficult and complex" area and rushing into inadequate legislation was likely to achieve little.

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: questions to Northern Ireland ministers and the Prime Minister; Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill; Lords amendment: Accreditation (Northern Ireland) Order; backbench debate on work of Crown Office; case of Gavin McQuinn; in the Lords: Deer (Scotland) Bill; second reading: Housing Bill; committee: debate on "in work" training.

Civil Service recruiters try to shake off Oxbridge image

BY JAMES LANDALE
POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Civil Service launched a campaign yesterday to recruit high-flyers from all backgrounds and end the traditional dominance of Oxbridge graduates in Whitehall.

Although figures published yesterday showed that slightly fewer Oxford and Cambridge graduates are entering the so-called fast

stream than before, the two universities continue to provide far more recruits than any other.

The Civil Service recruits thousands of junior officials each year, but under the fast-stream system, a few hundred high-flyers are appointed directly into key positions. Officials want to remove the "misconception" that the Civil Service recruits only white, male, arts graduates from Oxbridge, which

they believe deters many talented people from red-brick universities.

Under the new Fast Stream Development Programme, recruitment will cover more universities and will encourage more applications from science and technology graduates. Teams of young civil servants will visit a wider range of universities to talk about their work, and press advertisements will try to attract people from the ethnic mi-

norities and other groups that are underrepresented in Whitehall.

A report published yesterday on fast-stream recruitment showed that many students from outside Oxbridge were already applying, but unsuccessfully. Birmingham, East Anglia, Edinburgh, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Nottingham and Sheffield universities all provided more than two hundred applicants each last year. But none

secured more than nine places each in the fast stream.

The non-Oxbridge university that won the highest number of fast stream places was Bristol, with ten entrants from 198 applicants. By contrast, 59 of the 556 Oxford students who applied to the fast stream were successful. Out of 497 Cambridge students who applied, 45 were successful. The number of fast-stream entrants from Oxford

and Cambridge dropped by 4.6 percentage points to 39 per cent between 1994 and 1995.

David Willetts, the junior Public Service Minister, said the Civil Service wanted to cast its net as wide as possible without dropping standards. "The Civil Service has to be staffed with people of the highest intellectual and ethical standards but the days of the bowler-hatted civil servant are gone."

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BY DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

The piece, in cloisonné enamel and gilt copper, was made in Limoges in about 1195. It is probably the oldest Becket casket and certainly the most spectacular. Sotheby's will be selling it on



The Limoges casket, made 25 years after the murder of St Thomas à Becket

Timothy Stevens, the V&A's assistant director of collections, said: "It's an object of the highest quality. It

About 50 Limoges Thomas à Becket chasses were known, "but this is way and above the average quality".

David Barrie, the fund's director, said: "If anything's heritage, this is it. Becket is one of two or three medieval figures known to every gener-



Bonnie Prince Charlie's death mask, sold for £8,000

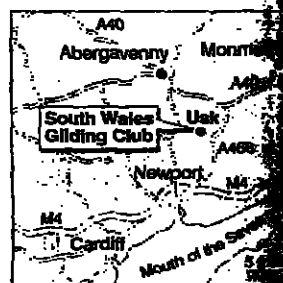
The sale coincided with the 250th anniversary of the Young Pretender's defeat at Culloden near Inverness.

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

BY KYLE SMITH

Three landed successfully at the South Wales Gliding Club, but the fourth skidded along the wet grass of the 1,000-yard strip before coming to rest in Geoffrey Thomas's driveway in the

The pilots were "very shaken up" but unhurt, according to Bill Mills, chief flying instructor at the gliding club. The team stayed the night at the King's Head hotel in Usk. Steve Musto, the landlord, said: "They were deeply embarrassed about the crash landing but very relieved they all got down safely."



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Nato steps warily as Bosnian Serb fugitives roam free

FROM STACY SULLIVAN
IN SARAJEVO

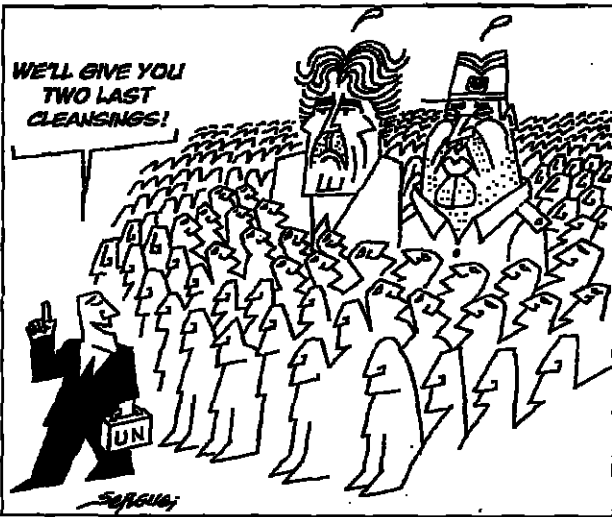
RADOVAN KARADZIC and General Ratko Mladic, the two Bosnian Serb leaders accused of committing the worst wartime atrocities in Europe since the Nazi regime, were shaking in their boots in December when 60,000 Nato-led troops with a mandate to detain them were deployed across Bosnia.

That was six months ago. Despite numerous public appearances and cross-border visits to neighbouring Serbia, the fugitives, indicted by the International War Crimes Tribunal for genocide, are still firmly in control of the Bosnian Serb military and Government, and still roam freely in the Serb Republic.

Officials from the Nato-led peace force say if they encounter any of the 49 indicted war criminals still at large during the course of their normal duties in Bosnia, and if the conditions are right, they will detain the fugitives and hand them over to The Hague. They insist that simply has not happened — a claim that is increasingly irksome to the civilian mediators whose efforts to implement the Bosnia-Herzegovina Peace Accord signed at Dayton, Ohio, have been consistently undermined by the Serb regime.

Dr Karadzic, a psychiatrist with unruly grey hair, has made frequent trips from his Pale headquarters to Banja Luka in a convoy of armoured black Mercedes with tinted windows. He has granted interviews to journalists and been spotted at his barber. (I bumped into him in January on a road in the Serb Republic, then again at a Zvornik hotel when I interviewed him.)

General Mladic, the stout military commander re-



A comment on the delayed judicial reckoning with Karadzic and Mladic by Serguei in *Le Monde*

nowned for bravado, is reportedly hiding out in an underground military complex in Han Pjesak. He has made few public appearances, but was seen on a Pale ski slope in March, where journalists talked to him. He was also at the funeral of a fellow indicted war criminal, General Djordje Djukic, in Belgrade last month.

The Nato force knows where both are, but says Dayton places responsibility for the arrest and apprehension of indicted war criminals on the parties. While acknowledging the irony that those responsible for handing over indicted criminals are themselves indicted, officers say it is not their job.

They concede there are more credible unofficial reasons for inaction than simply not having encountered the fugitives. They point out that apprehending Dr Karadzic would anger Serbs, who would then seek some kind of retaliation against Nato troops based in the Serb

Republic. Another point is that both Dr Karadzic and General Mladic are protected by armed bodyguards and Nato troops would risk coming under attack.

But the biggest problem, they say, is that they simply have not been given the order to do the job. One added: "That would require a policy change, and because everyone who has forces in the theatre would be affected the order would have to come from London, Paris and Washington. It hasn't yet."

As pressure to apprehend the two has mounted, Nato has tried to allay criticism by pointing out it has increased patrols across Bosnia. "Slowly Karadzic and Mladic are being boxed in," said British Major Simon Hasselock.

Patrols do regularly rumble down the one main road in Pale, past Dr Karadzic's offices, but even in the village they have not seen him. "They have had to work pretty hard to avoid him," commented one Western diplomat.

Karadzic 'must be arrested before election'

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

CARL BILDIT, the Bosnian peace negotiator, will today tell the 58-nation review conference on former Yugoslavia that as long as indicted war criminals such as Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic remain at liberty, the chances for progress and free elections there remain slim.

"Karadzic is still poisoning the atmosphere of Bosnian Serb politics. There is a climate of fear which inhibits freedom of movement between the two parts of Bosnia, and has been deepened by a number of ugly incidents, mostly but not exclusively on the Serb side of the inter-ethnic boundary," Mr Bildit writes today in *The Times*.

Setting a date for the first postwar election will be the main task of the two-day follow-up conference in Florence. British officials said there was general determination to go ahead with the elections, despite reservations voiced by the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe. The date likely to be set in Florence is September 14. "Much needs to be done, and it is important that we press on with it," a British diplomat said.

The conference, chaired by Italy, will also put pressure on the Bosnian factions — sitting, for the first time, as a single delegation — to sign an arms control pact. They failed to do so at Oslo yesterday after six months of negotiations.

An important boost came on the eve of the conference with Nato's announcement that it was ready to use implementation forces to prepare the elections and guard polling stations.

Carl Bildit, page 18



Gdansk shipyard workers drink mineral water during yesterday's protest strike

Strike shuts Gdansk shipyard

Warsaw: The debt-ridden Gdansk shipyard was idle yesterday as workers began a two-day sit-in to protest against the Polish Government's decision to declare the firm bankrupt (Our Correspondent writes).

Workers decorated the main gate with a cross, flow-

ers and portraits of the Black Madonna — the religious Queen of Poland — and the Pope, reminiscent of the 1980 strikes that led to the birth of the Solidarity union and its fight against Communist rule.

Strikers carried posters and placards saying "Commies, get your hands off the ship-

yard", a reference to the left-wing Government of Wlodzimierz Cimoszewicz. The protest included the All-Poland Alliance of Trade Unions, Solidarity and a local shipyard engineers' union.

Almost all the 7,000 employees at the shipyard, which is £214 million in debt, were idle.

Spain 'to bale out of fighter project'

Bonn: Spain was reported yesterday to have drafted plans to withdraw from the four-nation Eurofighter consortium, a move that could send the whole project into a tailspin (Roger Boyes writes).

The weekly business magazine *Wirtschaftswoche* says the new Spanish Government wants to end its co-operation with Britain, Germany and Italy because of the huge hole that Eurofighter has made in the national budget.

Spain has a 13 per cent share which translates into about 87 aircraft. The report is unclear whether Spain is to end its role after delivery of the 87, to cut the number or to abort beforehand.

Witness testifies from hospital

Rome: Karl Hass, 84, a former SS officer who was injured last weekend while trying to escape from his hotel, gave evidence from a hospital bed. He said he and Erich Priebke, a former SS member accused of war crimes, had taken part in the massacre of 333 Italians in March 1944, but they had only obeyed orders (Richard Owen writes).

Divorce suicide

Stockholm: A man taking part in his own divorce trial pulled a dynamite charge from his pocket, detonated the bomb and killed himself in the Swedish town of Eskilstuna, 60 miles west of here, it was reported. At least four people, including his woman lawyer, were injured. (AP)

Albanians jailed

Tirana: Three senior former Communist officials, aged 58 to 72, were found guilty of crimes against humanity when they were in office. They were sentenced to up to 17 years in jail by a Tirana court for ordering the internal exile of many dissidents and their families. (Reuters)

Reforms agreed

Paris: Employers and moderate trade unions agreed to a shake-up of France's social security system — expected this year to run up a Fr48.6 billion (£6 billion) deficit — sidelining two unions that oppose the move. (Reuters)

If at phphirst...

Copenhagen: The mother of a Danish boy aged nine won a nine-year battle to name him Christopher with a double "ph" when a government minister relaxed a 1982 law banning ridiculous names. (AFP)

Paris court orders Jackal kidnap inquiry

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AN APPEALS court in Paris has ordered an inquiry into a complaint by "Carlos the Jackal", the international guerrilla leader, that he was kidnapped by French authorities when he was seized in Sudan, justice sources said yesterday.

The court ruled that the arrest in August 1994 of Venezuelan-born Carlos, whose real name is Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, took place "outside any legal framework and without an international warrant or an extradition convention" with Sudan.

He was spirited to France after his arrest and is serving

a life sentence for shooting dead two French secret service agents in 1975. On landing in France, he was handed a national arrest warrant.

The sources quoted the court as saying that a Paris tribunal should investigate the complaint over "events which may have been committed by French nationals, aboard a French plane and on French territory". Carlos has repeatedly stated that two agents of the French DST secret services were present when he was seized in Sudan and were on the plane which took him to France.

Carlos, accused by the

French Interior Ministry of killing 83 people in a series of attacks, mostly in Europe and the Middle East, is under investigation for four other bombings in France in the 1980s. In 1973 he led the kidnapping of 11 Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' oil ministers from a conference in Vienna.

Carlos had long been sought by British authorities, too. At the time of the Paris killings, weapons were found at his homes in both countries. Police in London who searched his flat found a list of 500 prominent Jewish businessmen and other leaders.



The Jackal: arrest was "outside legal framework"

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BY SARAH BAYNE

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THE MANSION HOUSE SPEECHES

Clarke eye on goal of economic prosperity

KENNETH CLARKE, in his annual Mansion House address yesterday, said that the UK faced some of the most favourable economic circumstances he could remember.

The Chancellor said: "We have enjoyed a stronger recovery than any other major European country. All the indications are that the economy will strengthen further this year and next. Next year should see unemployment fall below 2 million."

"We are enjoying the longest period of sustained low inflation for nearly 50 years. This good inflation performance has enabled mortgage rates to come down to their lowest level for 30 years. Public sector borrowing is on a downward trend and I am determined to keep it that way — bringing the Budget back towards balance over the medium-term."

Mr Clarke went on: "At the time of last year's Budget I forecast that the economy would grow by 3 per cent this year. That was close to the consensus at the time. Since then growth on the Continent has been disappointing and many forecasters have revised down their growth forecasts for Europe, including for the UK. However, nearly all forecasts for average growth in the UK economy this year remain between 2 and 3 per cent."

He said that there was currently excitement in some circles about precisely where

in this relatively narrow field he would set out his stall when the new forecast was published on July 9. "While some commentators are busy downgrading their forecasts for the UK economy, others are speculating that I am secretly engineering a one-year growth wonder, a 'pre-election' boom to restore that 'feel-good' factor."

"This misses the point completely," Mr Clarke said. "I could not single-handedly engineer a 'rags-to-riches' economic story within a year even if I wanted to."

Mr Clarke said that at the moment Euro 96 was dominating the headlines — the first big international tournament to be played in the UK in 30 years. "To paraphrase Harold Wilson, 30 years is a long time in politics, economics and football," he said. "Then, only months after an election victory, he desperately hoped an England win would restore the 'feel-good' factor, and distract the British people from mounting economic gloom."

"I watched England beat Germany at Wembley in 1966 — I was there. I had just been a losing candidate in a general election, defeated by the joyous hopes of Wilson and the National Plan. You could get more than 11 marks to the pound in July 1966. During the tournament the Wilson Government put up the bank rate from 6 per cent to 7 per cent. We had the July measures, including a wages and prices standstill, a £50 limit on foreign currency for travellers, and a £100 million reduction in overseas expenditure. England won the cup. The economy was less successful."

The Chancellor closed by saying: "I hope England win Euro 96. But in the improbable event that they don't win, I am confident that this time Britain's economic success will be our consolation."

ALDERMAN John Chalstry, the Lord Mayor of London, told the gathering that his predecessor saw the Corporation of London as host to one of the world's great financial communities.

To maintain this present competitive position, the Corporation has now commissioned new studies to



Eddie George said Britain was well on course for economic good health.

Lloyd's close to final resolution of problems

DAVID ROWLAND, the chairman of Lloyd's, in his speech said that three-and-a-half years ago there was justifiable anger at many aspects of Lloyd's performance. Losses were huge, unlimited personal liability was seen to be grim reality.

He said: "Perhaps it was not unreasonable to question whether we would exhaust our reserves, have to cease trading and to sink into the pit that has swallowed so many examples of British endeavour and enterprise."

"But I dearly wish, Lord Mayor, that you had invited us to dinner four months

hence, because then I could be telling you of the successful end of this traumatic episode."

"We are just within sight of the final resolution of our problems. Excellent profits, have been restored, a complex reconstruction offer proposed, and within the next few weeks the members will determine whether they accept or reject it."

"Profit, reform and reconstruction. I am proud to work in a business that has sought to face the reality of its shortcomings, to capture the excellent and to discard the shoddy. But I am proudest of all because we have held our business, retained nearly £9

billion of annual premiums flowing through London."

"Why? Of course because we pay our claims, but that alone is not enough, because so too do our competitors. Because we offer something more in a world too often filled with the stereotyped and the faceless. We offer a diverse market with 167 separate entities, each led by skilled underwriters willing today, as ever, to take real risk, to innovate, to serve their clients and to build relationships."

"Good clients have told me why they owe Lloyd's a debt because when no one else would, a Lloyd's underwriter offered protection."

Inflation target in sight, says Governor

"THERE is no doubt that inflationary pressures in both the goods and services markets and the labour market are currently subdued," Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, said. "Underlying retail prices in particular rose by just over 2½ per cent over the past year and we expect this to fall into the target range of 2½ per cent or less in the period ahead."

"Overall GDP growth has slowed to a current rate of about 2 per cent a year — a little below capacity growth on most estimates — held back by flat manufacturing — itself reflecting weakening demand from continental Europe and an element of stock adjustment. These influences are likely to be temporary. Even so, there is a possibility that the stock adjustment in particular may accelerate, representing a down-side risk to activity in the short-term. There is, on the other hand, accumulating evidence of strengthening final domestic demand — particularly from the household sector — which will lead to faster growth of overall activity, and which could come to represent an upside risk to the inflation target, further ahead."

"The real news, of course, is in our economic performance. Average annual retail price inflation has fallen from around 12½ per cent in the 1970s to 7 per cent in the 1980s to 4½ per cent so far in the 1990s and to 2½ per cent over the past four years. That is still not yet quite down to either our target rate or to the rate of inflation in most other G7 countries, but it is a huge improvement and one that I am confident we can sustain. At the same time, we are embarked upon our fifth successive year of relatively steady growth — at a rate above that of most of our G7 partners — and that too I am confident we can sustain."

"I recognise that it will take years of this kind of performance before people are really persuaded that stability is here to stay. But we are nevertheless well on course for bringing economic and financial good health to the nation and to the City of London."

Limit expects greater exposure to Lloyd's

LONDON Insurance Market Investment Trust (Limit), one of the founder investment trusts to specialise in the Lloyd's of London insurance market, is lifting the total dividend to 3.4p a share from 2.75p, with a 2.3p final, due to be paid on August 27. In the year to March 31, pre-tax profits rose to £13 million from £10.8 million. Limit shares rose 2½p to 129½p yesterday.

Limit's £326 million portfolio is 90 per cent invested in companies that make up the FT-SE 350 index. Other Limit investments are in fixed-interest securities (6.3 per cent) and direct investment in Lloyd's (3.7 per cent). Michael Carpenter, managing director of Limit, said that the trust's direct exposure to Lloyd's could increase as the corporate market develops and that investment in managing agents who launched their own "Lloyd's integrated vehicles", would be the most likely means of raising that direct exposure.

Mansfield brews £18m

MANSFIELD BREWERY says that a new contract with Scottish Courage will ensure that it is brewing at full capacity by the end of the year. Mansfield has spent £2 million on improving its brewing facilities, increasing beer volumes by a total of 4.2 per cent last year, helped by a 7 per cent rise in sales and a 4.5 per cent rise in exports. Full-year profits rose by 5.3 per cent, to £18.4 million. Overall turnover grew by 9.7 per cent, to £147 million. The total dividend rises by 13.5 per cent, to 5.9p, with a 4.2p final payout due on August 14.

Hardy sale erases debt

HARDY Oil & Gas, the exploration group, pared losses to £5.96 million, from £27.2 million, and reported a production boost of 7 per cent. The group has largely eliminated debt (£107.1 million at March 31) after selling its US operations for £118 million. Hardy's interests now focus on the North Sea, Bayu in the Timor Sea and the Miano field, Pakistan. The company will look at deals in the North Sea or Asia, using some of the cash from its US sale to finance new explorations. The dividend is held at 1p in spite of losses of 5.8p a share (24.6p).

Celltech sells division

CELLTECH, the biotechnology company, is selling its antibody manufacturing business for about £50 million. Alusuisse-Lonza of Switzerland will pay an initial £31.5 million for 75.1 per cent of Celltech Biologics, buying the remainder for £10.5 million in the second half of next year. Celltech also expects to receive another £8 million by the end of 1999 based on the sales that Biologics achieves. Celltech plans to invest the money that it will raise from the sale in drug development.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank	Bank
	Buy	Sell
Australia \$	2.04	1.98
Austria Sch	17.81	18.11
Belgium Fr	67.55	67.25
Canada \$	2.207	2.047
Cyprus Cyp£	0.761	0.708
Denmark Kr	8.08	8.08
Finland Mk	7.78	7.13
France Fr	6.41	7.78
Germany Dm	2.52	2.51
Greece Dr	388	383
Hong Kong \$	12.55	11.55
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel Shk	5.41	4.78
Italy Lit	2452	2537
Japan Yen	182.40	188.40
Malta	0.587	0.542
Netherlands Gld	2.787	2.567
New Zealand \$	2.43	2.21
Norway Kr	10.84	8.84
Portugal Esc	254.50	236.00
S Africa Rd	6.45	6.45
Spain Ptas	206.00	193.00
Sweden Kr	10.34	10.14
Switzerland Fr	2.08	1.95
Turkey Lira	124414	116414
USA \$	1.538	1.508

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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Some important figures from BAA



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996

Revenue £1,253m up 8.1%

Operating profit £443m up 11.6%

Pre-tax profit £418m up 14.2%

Earnings per share 30.5p up 12.1%

Total dividend 11.25p up 11.1%

Passenger numbers 93.6m up 6.7%

Preliminary Results 1996

Last year, BAA achieved yet another record set of financial results.

Thanks largely to the performance of our people, who served over 90 million travellers

both in the UK and abroad.

And thanks to initiatives like our Freedom to Manage programme, designed to encourage teamwork and to allow all

employees maximum room to develop their own potential.

We're investing over £1m a day to make BAA the most successful airport operator

in the world.

But our most important assets will always be the skill, energy and commitment of the faces behind the figures.

BAA

Shaping up for the 21st century

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Orange first into top 100 without making a profit

ORANGE, the mobile telecoms business, scored an historic first yesterday when it became the first company to join the elite FT-SE 100 list of Britain's biggest companies without ever having made a profit.

Orange, up 3p at 249.1p, was joined in celebration by United News & Media, up 9p at 706p and Nestlé, up 1p at 556p, after the quarterly reshuffle of Footsie constituents. They are now certain to attract institutional support in the form of the tracker funds that plot constituent companies.

But there are likely to be tears for Ream, up 1p at 340p, Greenalls, up 1p at 571p, and Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust, unchanged at 154p.

The constituents are chosen according to stock market capitalisation. Orange, which has never earned a profit and which made its stock market debut a few months ago, is considerably bigger than many of the companies already in the top 100. United News & Media benefited from its merger with MAI.

There were several other contenders, including Lucas Industries, which is proceeding with a £3.2 billion merger with Vario Corporation in the US. It eased 3p to 230p yesterday on reports of a second Pentagon inquiry into its US defence arm, Railtrack, up 1p at 210p, was also thought to be a likely contender but has failed to live up to expectations.

The rest of the equity market continued to shadow Wall Street's movements, ending the day on a high note following another firm start to trading by the Dow Jones industrial average. The FT-SE 100 index rose 15.5 points to close at 3,760.2, although turnover stayed on the low side, with 73 million shares traded.

Revised institutional buying lifted the FT-SE 100 to 541p. This follows a presentation given to fund managers at the Savoy Hotel, London, on Tuesday for clients of Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker. The company was positive about prospects and upbeat about management capabilities.

A strong buy note from Kleinwort Benson, the broker, put some pep back in shares in the National Grid, which was privatised last December at 208p. The price rose 6p to 175p as Kleinwort told clients that market fears about various



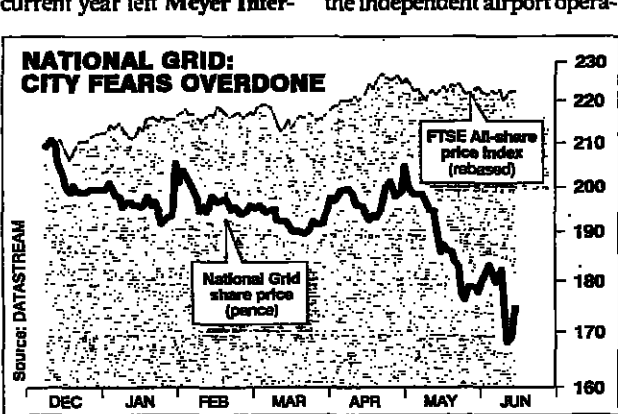
W H Smith shares held steady on news of a major shake-up

problems, ranging from transmission to the pricing review, had been overcome and that it was wrong to assume that the same fate awaits over pricing as befell British Gas's Transco division. The pharmaceutical companies were again in demand. Zeneca was chased higher, to a rise of 12p to £13.98, after £14.15, on revived talk of a bid

national, the building products group, 4p lower at 41p. Granada Group climbed 13p to 825p after giving a rundown of prospects. Gerry Robinson, chief executive, indicated that Granada could double profits at the Meridian chain of hotels it acquired along with Forte for £3.9 billion earlier this year. He expects all disposals, including

A buy recommendation from Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, lifted Tomkins, the guns-to-buns group, 6p to 254p. Laing says the £900 million acquisition of Gates will enable Tomkins to regain the rating it held before the acquisition of Rank's Hovis McDougall. Gates will also trigger a material rise in earnings a share.

from Glaxo Wellcome, 20p stronger at 857p. Some encouraging words on the sector from Sieve Plag at BZW also cheered sentiment. British Biotechnology rose 17p to £27.85, Chiroscience 17p to 450p, and Scotia Holdings 12p to 750p. A plunge in profits last year and a warning about prospects in the first half of the current year left Meyer Inter-



Source: DATASTREAM

tor, were at the top of the range. But with the findings of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission due to be published next month, the share price ended the session 5p lower at 478p.

WH Smith held steady at 484p after announcing plans to shed 400 jobs and hefty restructuring that was likely to cost £285 million. The move follows hard on the heels of its withdrawal from the Do It All joint venture with Boots.

Full-year figures from British Land confounded the City. Not only did the group manage to hoist pre-tax profits from £49 million to £62 million, but it also raised the net asset value by 2.2 pence to 424p a share. Its property portfolio has grown by nearly a third to £4.4 billion. The shares rose 14p to 420p.

Celltech responded with a rise of 37p to 645p to the news that it is set to sell its Biologics subsidiary to Alluiss-Lonza for £42 million. An earn-out based on future turnover could fetch a further £8 million.

Plans to raise almost £26 million by way of a placing of new shares at 650p lifted Cantab Pharmaceuticals 5p to 685p.

Expro International, the oil services group, rose 6p to 312p after brokers reported a put through in a line of 2.5 million shares at 315p.

GILF-EDGED: The London market made a cautious start, unable to extend Tuesday's gains. Prices eventually closed above their lows for the day, helped by US treasury bonds, which had taken the latest rise in consumer prices in its stride. Turnover generally remained low, with investors anxious to study last night's Mansion House speech by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt futures finished a couple of ticks easier at £105.92 in thin trading.

Among conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 lost five ticks at £96.11, while in shorts Treasury 7 per cent 2001 also shed five ticks at £97.11.

NEW YORK: Lingerings fears over the threat of inflation restrained US bonds and while shares were firm they lacked direction. By midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was 26.60 points higher at 5,695.26.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday): Dow Jones 5,695.26 (+26.60) S&P Composite 673.45 (+2.40)

Tokyo: Nikkei Average 22,104.80 (+287.18) Hang Seng 10,958.67 (+34.88)

Amsterdam: EOE Index 549.58 (+0.65) FTSE 100 3,760.2 (+15.5)

Sydney: All Ordinaries 2,212.1 (+4.6) DAX 2,269.24 (+20.05)

Frankfurt: DAX 2,269.24 (+20.05) Straits 753.30 (+7.20)

Brussels: General 952.49 (+1.99) Paris: CAC-40 2,137.29 (+0.21)

Zurich: SKA Gen 753.30 (+7.20) London: FT 30 2,787.6 (+8.2)

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TEMPUS

Who needs Terminal 5?

BAA's chief executive delivered a stirring address yesterday but it was unclear to whom it was directed. He called for approval for the Terminal 5 project, stuck in an endless planning battle and a project that will cost the company billions. But he also made a plea for soft treatment from the regulator, due to make a determination on future landing charges — and he pointed at the huge capital expenditure programme, dominated of course by the planned Terminal 5.

If the regulator has any sense, he will ignore the pleas. BAA does not have to build Terminal 5 and it is not in the immediate interests of shareholders for it to do so. Such huge capital projects are a double blow to companies as BAA has found with the construction of Stansted. Interest capitalised during construction suddenly hits the revenue account on completion. At the same time, the new terminal is creating revenue off its sister terminals as it builds up capacity.

The whole effect is profits dilution and for such a mammoth project, it could be significant. Of course, BAA will correctly point out that in the long term the new asset will produce profits but it is debatable whether investors gain more from squeezing more passengers through existing buildings. The Government may want a fifth terminal at Heathrow but, again, there is no necessity for BAA to be its owner. Consumers might be better served if the project was put out to tender. The government is keen to see competitive tendering for its own projects: why should it allow a privatised monopoly to escape the chill wind of competition.

Granada

WITH so many twists and turns between its initial statements about the future assets and more recent decisions, a cynic might conclude that Granada made its £3.9 billion bid for the hotels group on a whim. It has spent the last couple of months renegeing on statements it made during the heat of the bid battle: the Forte private jet — once targeted as a symbol of Forte waste and extravagance — is now to be kept.

More important is the decision to keep the Meridian chain, once a candidate for sale. In hindsight, accusations by the Forte camp that Granada lacked a strategy for hotels seem to have more credence. But Granada is learning quickly that Meridian is an excellent opportunity to enter the

international hotel market with an established brand.

An international dimension will decrease the hotel's dependence on the UK and allow expansion through the relatively cheap route of winning management contracts. Combined with the traditional Granada virtues of tight cost control and strong purchasing power, the Meridian chain could be a powerful addition to the portfolio.

Granada needs to get a good price for the hotels and other assets that are lined up for disposal. But in a booming market and with support from its bankers, Granada is in no rush to sell. Shareholders will probably arrive at the same conclusion.

British Land

AFTER falling asset values at Land Securities and Great Portland Estates, signs of growth from British Land are a welcome relief. The uplift serves to prove that it is possible to make property assets grow in an environment of low or minimal rental growth and soft yields. In such a market smaller property companies have an edge: with a portfolio made up of fewer assets, good managers can make a difference with a number of canny deals, as witnessed by Chelsfield's 6 per cent NAV uplift, announced in April. The problem facing larger companies, such as Land Securities, is a portfolio weighed down by older properties needing refurbishment.

British Land has managed to escape the doldrums by aggressively and successfully expanding into retail property. First buying supermarkets on guaranteed rental uplifts, which have ensured the com-

pany a rising income, and recently expanding into leisure property. The company's aggressive investment in City offices, however, looks more risky. Rents in the City have not picked up as fast as expected and British Land is heavily exposed. A few sales at the Broadgate complex might be wise.

Celltech

CELLTECH was once the safety-first pick among UK biotech companies, seeking bigger partners to fund the human trials of its products. It is less risky but potentially less profitable than the "we'll do it all ourselves" approach taken by British Biotech, the sector's glamour stock. For now, at least, British Biotech is well ahead on points, with a £1.6 billion market value three times that of Celltech.

But having sold its manufacturing arm, Celltech is planning to spend a good slug of the £50 million it receives for Biologics on devel-

oping a new antibody for treating skin disease. It is also prepared to pursue late stage development of treatments for multiple sclerosis and other immune disorders.

Celltech insists it will confine this more ambitious approach to antibody development, where it believes it has a real edge. Of course, the change has nothing to do with the success of British Biotech.

The price Alluiss-Lonza is paying for the profitable Biologics — £3.5 million of it upfront — looks good for a business that made £2.1 million before tax last year. Making antibodies for other drug companies has its own risks, such as the collapse of customers' research programmes. Biologics would also have made further demands on capital.

Celltech may become slightly riskier, but it remains one of the better biotech bets.

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GRANADA WARMS TO MERIDIAN

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One aboard for yacht race

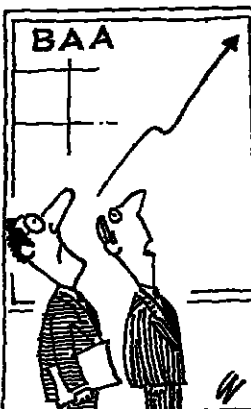
TROUBLED waters at Commercial Union, where Ian Reynolds, managing director at CU Life, has crossed sails with Cees Schraauwers, CU-Non Life. The two men were competing for a place on board *Commercial Union Assurance*, the yacht, to race in the BT Global Challenge. An extra pair of hands was required after Jerome Flynn, the actor who stars in *Soldier, Soldier*, the TV series, pulled out because of filming commitments. The dispute was settled by the loss of a coin, and Mr Reynolds is to compete in the Wellington to Sydney leg of the 30,000-mile race. Dutch-born Mr Schraauwers muttered: "Ian and England have one thing in common — they're both used to battling it out for last place!"

Diner's club

VICTOR OBOGU, rugby giant and proprietor of Shoeless Joe's, turned the tables on staff from American Express last night, working them as waiters at his Fulham restaurant. David Thomas, vice-president of Travel Management Services at American Express, and leader of the 12-man team, began his warm-up early yesterday morning, moving to a new home in Buckinghamshire. Thomas admits never having waited at table before the charity event in aid of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, but adds that he did put in shifts at a brewery and building site.

City Rhodes

GARDNER MERCHANT, the world's largest catering company, has spilled the beans and whistled where exactly it will be opening Gary Rhodes's new restaurant in the City. The former "punk" chef from The Greenhouse in Mayfair will be feeding City clients from Gardner Merchant's London offices in New Street Square. If planning proposals are accepted, work on "Rhodes in the City" will begin in some months.



"That's the trouble with flying — it interrupts the shopping"

Taking Liberty's

NEVER mind the plunging profits. Liberty is splashing out on a faux-antique staircase for its Regent Street store. And nothing but the best for the retailer that has commanded the services of royal carver Dick Reid. President of Master Carvers, who comes fresh from his restoration work on Windsor Castle.

Hectored

IF YOU are a company director, investment banker, computer programmer, freelance journalist or City dealer, the beaming face of Hector the tax inspector could soon be looking over your shoulder. Of all professions, these have the highest chance of having their taxes audited under the new self-assessment regime, according to a study released today by Arthur Andersen, the firm of accountants. Based on past experience in Australia and Ireland, the report picks out those who are most likely to end up owing the Revenue money.

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ECONOMIC VIEW



ANTHONY HARRIS

Why Clinton is enjoying the recovery planned for Bush

The pick-up in the US economy is four years late and may not be problem-free for too much longer

Last week the London market fell 50 points on a strong US employment report; but the Dow, after an initial spasm, rose. It is not just that American financiers have an almost religious faith in Alan Greenspan's pragmatic rule at the Federal Reserve, which reacts to inflation signs, not to growth itself. They also feel good about their recovery, and so does the man in Main Street. It is still relatively slow and hesitant, though few now deny that it is happening; but it is singularly well-balanced.

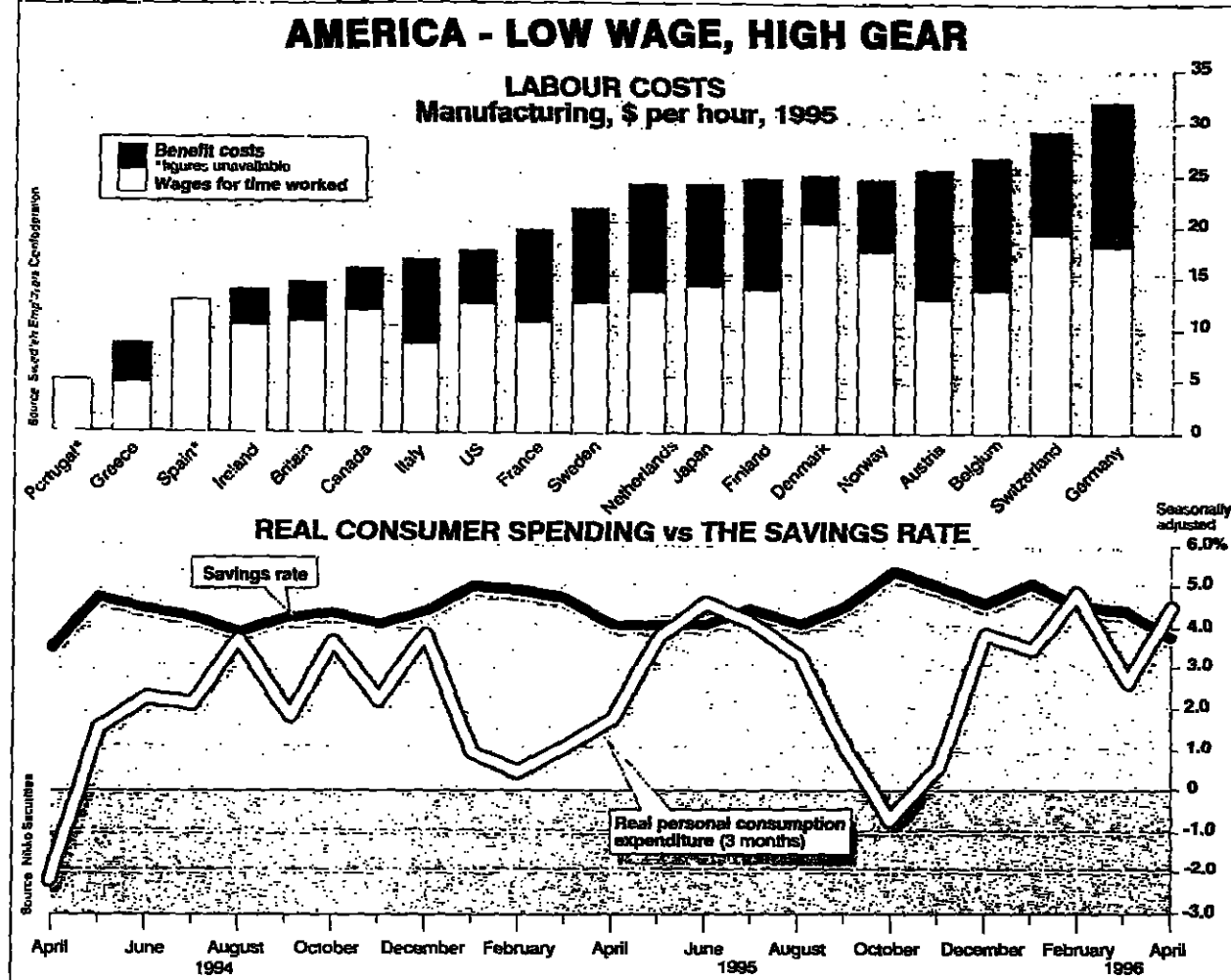
The recovery has been achieved in spite of genuine budget tightening and cuts in defence spending that would have depressed any less resilient economy. Inflation remains low, investment and employment high, and both the trade and budget balances are improving. This picture must be the envy of every European leader (except in Dublin), though nearly all would choke on the policies that have produced it. But success is coming four years later than originally planned; and the great, celebratory Wall Street bull market could be its Achilles' heel.

The story starts with the massive and determined devaluation of the dollar by James Baker in 1985, designed to correct the trade deficit, and check the Democratic protectionists in Congress whose roars were proving popular. It helped George Bush to win his first term, and it started the revival of the rust belt, as manufacturing had become derisively known. When devaluation also proved amazingly non-inflationary, it was extended to prepare the ground for Nafta (North American Free Trade Agreement) — a success.

But the Treasury also hoped to generate enough export-led growth to cut the budget deficit and win Bush a second term. That, too, worked in the end, but only after a politically fatal delay caused by the near-collapse of the American financial system. It may have come just in time to help Clinton ride out Whitewater.

Europeans who think that strong currencies are a badge of virtue should study the McDonald's hamburger standard of real value. Or, more tellingly, the Swedish chart of comparative labour costs: it is still a shock to see that the US has become something near a low-wage economy.

The recent recovery of the dollar will not have changed that picture drastically because this year, for the first time, non-wage employment costs in the US have actually fallen. This reflects not only the Reagan era deregulation of the labour market, but the US boom in temporary employment. These non-united labour warehouses seem to be



very good at containing cost pressures.

Disciplined labour is not all that it takes to make an economy super-competitive. The other US boom, which is now more than three years old, is in industrial investment. Plant and equipment spending has been growing at about 10 per cent a year since 1992; and although spending (apart from computers) fell a little in the first quarter of this year as manufacturers found themselves with too much capacity, order books are healthy again. The question that looks to be troubling this side of the Atlantic (not least to Tony Blair's advisers) is what drives industry to add capacity so keenly in what has been a fairly sluggish economy.

The answer seems to lie in Wall Street itself: the bull market has made capital funds progressively cheaper, and industry has responded with a sustained flood of new share issues. At the same time, rising share values are helping to look after the demand side of the equation: rising paper wealth — the value of stock market securities has never stood so high in relation to national income (and if the 1929 precedent looks sinister, we will come to that).

Wealth has encouraged con-

sumers to borrow more and to cut their savings rate, from a little over 5 per cent (already low) to about 3.5 per cent — enough to add more than a point to demand growth. This seems to be concentrated mainly on durables: house-building is reviving rapidly, and sales of cars and light trucks are extremely strong.

But Americans are demanding as retail customers and insist on keen prices even when their confidence is as high as current surveys suggest. One result: Tuesday's retail report shows that what has become the annual June ceremony of the cutting of the clothing prices (after the new-season increases have failed to stick) is being run again.

Consumer power is one bulwark against inflation; Nafta is the other. The transfer of production (notably assembly) and jobs to low-wage Latin American trade partners has kept costs down, though it has also provoked the resentment that Pat Buchanan exploited in his run for the Republican nomination.

As the Latin American economies revive, the US is enjoying its reward: recovering exports. These will be a major factor in sustaining US growth when the recent rebound from an inventory correction peters

out. Meanwhile, the public sector is benefiting from the strength of the private. Projections from the St Louis Fed (the old curmudgeon among member Reserve Banks) show that the US public sector deficit may have vanished by early 1997. The Federal government remains in the red, but the states are in surplus.

So far, all silver lining, no clouds. From a European point of view, the picture may look like devaluation and social cuts rewarded. Gunter Rexrodt, the German Economics Minister, recently dismissed the US figures as "hamburger flipping jobs". He was rebuffed from Wall Street: "We've got them flipping in factories, at computer screens, in hospitals..." Fair comment. But is it as good as it looks? The obvious potential fault lines are in policy-making, and in Wall Street.

US economic policy, so far as such a thing exists, is heavily dependent on the Fed. This is partly because of deadlock-as-usual between the White House and Congress, but also because, even given agreement, fiscal policy takes months to change under the US constitution. That is no doubt why the Fed has a wider remit than other central banks: it is responsible not only for price stability, but for satisfactory growth.

In fair weather, no problem; but obviously conflicts could arise. Its widely praised independence is only conditional. It is ultimately a creature of Congress. And it can be politically slavish.

The sainted Greenspan (a shoo-in for a third term) has his critics. Too vague, say the economists — his rules seem to trim with the weather. Too political, say some bankers — he is a great diner-out. A turncoat, say some Republicans (no comment).

For myself, I remain an obstinate Greenspan admirer. He is a scholarly man, and the pants by whose seat he flies are always highly educated, thanks partly to the Fed's unrivalled flow of grassroots information. He presided over the stock market "correction" of 1987, and the more serious subsequent banking crisis, like an absolute. There are no serious nominees for a replacement.

Wall Street could test him to the limit. Some time, perhaps as soon as next month, he will have to raise interest rates a little. Some unpredictable time later, the bull market will have its long-expected correction. The 1987 correction (a 30 per cent fall) suggests that the ordinary mutual fund investor will take this stoically, as he can well afford to do; but there are no guarantees. And if he does go into another buying lull, the whole trade-dependent Nafta house of cards would tremble.

A possibility, not a forecast. But what is certain is that the US economic summer cannot remain problem-free for very much longer.

THE HAMBURGER STANDARD

Local Big Mac price in \$	Local currency implied over/under valuation %	Local Big Mac price in \$	Local currency implied over/under valuation %
United States 2.35		Italy 2.80	+23
Australia 1.97	+17	Japan 2.70	+14
Austria 3.40	+43	Netherlands 3.21	+36
Belgium 3.50	+49	New Zealand 2.01	-16
Britain 2.70	+14	Russia 1.93	-18
Canada 2.10	-11	Singapore 2.16	-8
Denmark 4.40	+87	South Africa 1.64	-30
France 3.41	+46	South Korea 2.95	+26
Germany 3.22	+37	Spain 2.89	+23
Hong Kong 1.28	-46	Sweden 3.97	+64
Israel 3.00	+27	Switzerland 4.80	+103

Source: McDonald's

BUSINESS LETTERS

Business Links 'key element in improving competitiveness'

From David Grayson
Sir, Business Links are an exciting development and a key element in improving our international competitiveness.

The idea of a "one-stop shop", through which small and medium-sized businesses could access a range of local/national and international help, was developed by our organisations before the 1992 general election.

The concept was enthusiastically taken up by Michael Heseltine after the election. With our active support and involvement, the OTI has been working since then to encourage local business-led partnerships to create a net-

work of Business Links throughout England.

Inevitably, local partnerships still vary in strength. The survey to which your report refers is actually a review of the continuing professional development needs of Business Links' CEOs — part of a wider commitment to Investors In People and continuous improvement which reflects Business Links' drive to improve the quality of their service.

The fact that CEOs identify areas where the Business Link partnerships must develop should not be construed as a problem but a wish to enhance existing working practices.

There has been remarkable progress in a very short period, reflected in Government's willingness to deliver more of its services to small firms through Business Links.

We are confident that Business Link partnerships will continue to develop and improve the range of quality of help for their customers — whose interests are paramount in all our work.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GRAYSON,
Business in the Community, Chairman, Business Links Network Company, Westminster Towers, 2 Albert Embankment, SE1 7SX.

Shuffle the pack of regulators

From Mr N. R. MacNicol
Sir, Regulators seem to have widely varying attitudes towards their respective charges. Death by a thousand cuts for one industry; fawning support for another.

Perhaps it is time, for unhappy Sid's sake, to restore some balance by swapping them around. May I offer you my Mrs O'Leary for your Mr O'Leary?
Yours faithfully,
NIGEL R. MACNICOL,
9 Church Lane, Greatham, Oakham, Rutland.

employed by somebody else is like having the option to win the National Lottery jackpot without filling the numbers in.

The directors and non-executive directors of BT, with the compliance of the supreme institutional shareholders, have come up with a dream remuneration contract. No doubt the lost livelihood of more than 100,000 redundant em-

ployees helped to fund such a munificent payment.

The episode highlights the spineless role of non-executive directors in the privileged boardrooms of privatised companies. To paraphrase Peter Norris, the former chief executive officer of Baring's, the critical faculties of rational, intelligent, experienced and

confident people were less enjoined than they might have been because there were profits.

Yours faithfully,
R. S. GUHA,
98 Alicia Gardens, Harrow, Middlesex.

Letters to the Business section of *The Times* can be sent by fax on 0171-782 5112.

Tax break plays the lead in Irish success story

Eileen McCabe on a Dublin initiative acting as a magnet for film-makers

When Mel Gibson leapt on to the stage of this year's Oscar ceremony to accept two of the five awards won by his film *Braveheart*, he raised a smile in Ireland, where many stood to make a lot of money from his success. Almost Ir£9 million raised through a special tax relief measure, known as Section 35, went into the making of the blockbuster. Introduced in 1987 to encourage private and corporate investors to invest in film production companies, Section 35 only began to have an impact on the film world after it was overhauled in 1993.

The measure allows individuals to claim full tax relief on investments in film production of up to Ir£25,000. A cap of Ir£350,000 was placed on corporate investors, with a special clause allowing investments of up to Ir£1 million if the funds are going to a single qualifying production company to make one film. There are also strict criteria about

Oscar-winning production about William Wallace.

Gibson's production pumped Ir£13 million into the local economy. It is estimated that investors have so far made more than 80p for every Ir£1 they put into the production.

Braveheart was one of 87 projects certified for Section 35 finance up to May. The 53 film and 34 television projects have between them raised Ir£150 million. Fifty-five of the 87 are from indigenous companies, and the explosion of local talent is causing much satisfaction in government circles.

According to Rob Stoneman, formerly with Channel 4 and now chief executive officer of the film board, the health of the Irish industry is demonstrated by the programme for the Galway Film Festival, which this year showcases six new Irish films.

A budget of Ir£4 million is allowing his organisation to make a significant impact on the local scene. "There is a wonderful dynamic here and I think it's to do with a

The wonderful dynamic here is part strategy, part fresh talent

combination of things: government strategies and fresh talent." The initiative attracted the attention of the Com-

Irish. The scheme was designed by the Department of Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht (the Irish-speaking region). Other measures included the revival of the Irish Film Board to develop the indigenous film industry, new regulations forcing RTE, the state-owned national broadcaster, to accept more work from independent film groups, and the setting up of film production training courses.

In the 1980s and early 1990s, only one or two films were made in Ireland each year. By the end of 1993, *The Crying Game* and *In the Name of the Father*, both given Irish Film Board assistance, had hit the screens to international acclaim.

The following year, Section 35 came into its own, attracting Irish investors and foreign film-makers — Mel Gibson met the minister in July 1994. After his company raised almost Ir£9 million through Section 35 he proceeded to commandeer Irish film crews, castles and thousands of extras from the Irish army for the

monstrous National Heritage Committee, which visited the Republic last year before it completed its report on the British film industry. The report states: "Recent developments in Ireland have shown that the right incentives can produce results."

But, there are already rumblings of discontent among some film-makers, who claim that the recent demand for film crews and technicians has pushed production costs through the roof. At a film conference in Dublin last month, the producers of *Sense and Sensibility* said that filming in Ireland would have cost an extra Ir£5 million.

According to a spokesman for the Department of Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht, the situation is under constant review. This year's budget reduced the tax relief for Section 35 investors to 80 per cent. The introduction and extension of training schemes to ensure that there are enough qualified Irish people in place to deal with demand is already having an effect, he added.



BANK OF CREDIT AND COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL SA
(IN LIQUIDATION)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The English Liquidators of BCCI SA are to make a further application to the High Court in London for directions in relation to the release of funds under their control pursuant to the pooling arrangements that have been entered into, with a view to the payment of a first dividend.

THE HIGH COURT IN LONDON WILL HEAR THAT APPLICATION AT A HEARING COMMENCING ON 15 JULY 1996.

In particular, the Court will be asked to give directions as to provisions/retentions (if any) that ought to be made by the English Liquidators in relation to certain differences between the law applicable to the liquidation of BCCI SA in Luxembourg and the law applicable in England in the following areas:

- Set-Off/Mutual Dealings
- Currency of Dividend Calculation and Payments
- Claim Admission Procedures
- Claim Valuation Date (3/1/92 or 14/1/92)
- Preferential Claims

Any person who considers that his interests may be affected by these matters may appear and be represented at the hearing.

ANY PERSON WHO INTENDS TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING SHOULD CONTACT THE ENGLISH LIQUIDATORS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AT:

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15 JULY HEARING
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NatWest set to pass on reins in Spain

By OUR CITY STAFF

NATWEST GROUP proposes to sell an 80 per cent interest in its Spanish retail and commercial bank to Banco Sabadell. It was announced yesterday.

NatWest said that it would continue to hold a 19.9 per cent stake in Banco NatWest España, which will operate under a new name.

NatWest did not disclose the terms of the deal and said that negotiations were continuing. It said that the transaction would need regulatory approval in Spain and the UK.

Banco NatWest España made pre-tax profits of 370 billion pesetas (£15 million) in 1995 and employs 1,325 staff in 200 branches.

Banco Sabadell will also acquire Banco de Asturias. Banco NatWest España's subsidiary in northwest Spain.

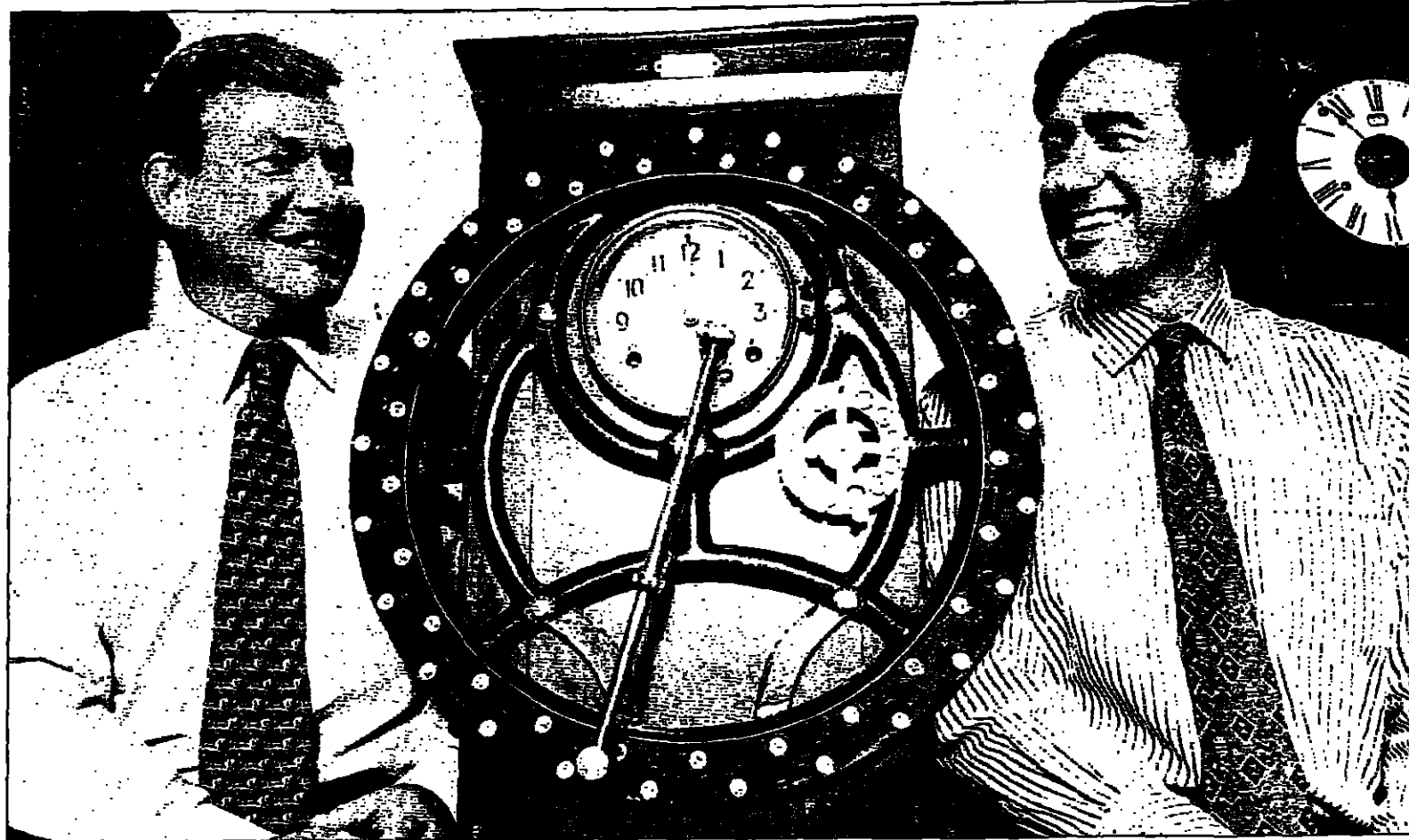
NatWest said that the disposal was in line with its strategy to focus on its UK retail franchise, expanding NatWest Markets as a global corporate and investment bank, and the development of international private banking through Coutts Group.

Under a co-operation agreement with Sabadell, the British bank will provide a broad range of products and services to Sabadell's clients.

It said that it intended to maintain and strengthen its presence across Spain, where it started operating in November 1994. Coutts will continue to provide cross-border banking services to Spanish residents, NatWest said.

As a result of the deal, NatWest said that previously written-off goodwill would lead to a small loss in its group accounts for 1996.

The group's tier-one capital ratio will benefit by approximately 0.1 of a percentage point, mainly through reduced weighted-risk assets. NatWest added.



Michael Lee, left, and Ian Scott-Gall with a collection of pre-war time recorders before announcing Blick's 16 per cent profits rise yesterday

Lands Improvement prepares for market

By PAUL DURMAN

ONE of Britain's largest agricultural landlords is to join the stock market. Lands Improvement Holdings owns 27,000 acres of rural property worth £56 million. About 21,000 acres is let to hundreds of tenant farmers.

The company is not planning to raise any new money. It wants a listing to enable it

50 shareholders — headed by Clerical Medical, the insurer — to trade their shares.

Lands Improvement was formed 20 years ago to take over a Victorian company, then owned by Clerical Medical, whose business was lending money for improvements to rural estates. The company began building up its land portfolio in 1980, when it acquired a Lincolnshire estate

from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food — one of the first privatisations.

The last big purchase came last November when it bought 6,500 acres from Royal Insurance for £55 million.

Although its shares are tightly held, Peter Clery, managing director, is confident that his shareholders will release enough stock to ensure a liquid market. Dealings will

begin on Monday in the company, which will have an initial market value of about £32 million.

Pre-tax profits last year increased from £2 million to £3.2 million, helped by the Royal deal. Mr Clery said Lands Improvement was not exposed to the BSE "mad cow" scare since only 5 per cent of its land is let to cattle farmers. This year's results are "coming good".

Mr Clery said Lands Improvement is interested in buying further large blocks of good quality land. The company also hopes to benefit from a new form of farm tenancy, which will allow it to charge higher rents to new tenants. This development has already caused a strong recovery in the price of rural land.

Lands Improvement itself farms 15,000 acres, of which it owns 6,500. It also trades and develops land, and it still has a small lending operation with a loan book of £4.5 million.

Blick clocks up 16% rise at half-time

BLICK, the manufacturer of time control equipment, closed-circuit television equipment and public address systems, achieved a 16 per cent increase in its pre-tax profits, to £7 million, in the half year to March 31 (Martin Barrow writes).

The company, of which Ian Scott-Gall is managing director and Michael Lee is finance director, said that the difficult trading conditions that it had experienced in the second half of last year had persisted throughout the first quarter of the current year. However, order levels and general business volumes had since recovered and continued to improve, it said.

Earnings per share rose by 15 per cent, to 16.4p. The interim dividend is increased by 12.5 per cent, to 4.5p a share.

The company said that gearing had been reduced to 25 per cent, from 41 per cent at the last financial year-end, in spite of the £11.4 million acquisition of PAC International.

The shares rose 8p, to 558p, yesterday.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Expro enjoys leap in profits to £14m

EXPRO, the oil services group, yesterday reported pre-tax profits of £14.3 million, up from £8.1 million, for the year to March 31. Earnings were 17.6p a share, up from 13.7p and the dividend rises to 7p from 6p, with a final 4.7p. John Dawson, chief executive, said the overall market for service providers to the oil and gas industry was encouraging. But oil prices remain subdued and oil company clients continue to concentrate on cost reduction allied to safety and protection of the environment.

"Services focused on delivering innovative techniques and engineering solutions that reduce client development and production costs are in demand and this plays to our group's core strengths," Mr Dawson said. Expro came to the market last year with ordinary shares priced at 175p. Yesterday, they rose from 315p to 321p.

Cantab sets issue price

CANTAB PHARMACEUTICALS, the biotechnology company that last month announced that it would be raising more money, has priced its new share issue at 650p. After expenses, the placing will raise £25.7 million. The company's existing shareholders still need to agree to waive their pre-emption rights at a meeting next month. The money raised will be used to fund further development of Cantab's DISC virus technology and its work on cancer. The existing shares stood at 685p by the close of trading yesterday.

Bradford advances

BRADFORD Property Trust, the tenanted residential property investment company, reported a rise in profits to £25.6 million before tax, from £24.8 million, in the year to April 5. Earnings were 11.86p (11.37p a share). A final dividend of 4.3p a share, due to be paid on August 2, lifts the total to 7.3p, from 7.15p. The company said that net asset value was 202p a share, compared with 201p. Yesterday, the shares fell 3p to 229p. The company said that residential investment values were firm over the past year and there has been some signs of improvements in housing market activity.

Lean year at WT Foods

WT FOODS, the specialist food group, announced that taxable profits had declined to £500,000, from £1.6 million, in the year to March 31. The results were affected by an exceptional charge of £400,000 against bad debts. Adjusted earnings were down to 0.48p a share, compared with 2.73p previously. The total dividend is reduced to 1.35p, from 2.5p last time, with a final payout of 0.85p. The company said that recent boardroom changes and the successfully completed £3 million share placing augured well for the future.

Goldsborough rises

GOLDSBOROUGH HEALTHCARE, the healthcare services group, yesterday reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £3.2 million, for the year to March 31, from £3 million in the previous year. Earnings per share were 6p, compared with 5.8p last time. There is an interim dividend of 1.32p a share, raised from 1.2p last time. Sir Brian Hill, chairman, said that although the performance of the group's care homes division was poor, he was confident that the continued improvement in the hospital and homecare divisions would ensure future growth.

Greenbury makes an impact

Boardroom pay is being set more objectively, Brian Friedman and Oliver Overstall discover

Sir Richard Greenbury in his study group's report on directors' remuneration last July recommended that "remuneration committees should judge where to position their company relative to other companies".

This was about as close as the group got to making recommendations on how a remuneration committee should approach the tricky and ultimately critical decision about how much to pay an individual director.

The study group's report went on to make many detailed recommendations about how the remuneration committee of the future should be organised, about how board remuneration should be made more transparent through greater disclosure in the annual report and accounts, and about best practice principles for designing executive incentive schemes. But it held back from elaborating principles

for selecting other companies with which a remuneration committee might draw comparison.

Is the selection of comparator companies important? The answer is definitely "yes", according to *Boardroom Pay in UK Quoted Companies 1996*, a report by Arthur Andersen.

Our research shows that there is a very strong link between the size and complexity of a company and the basic salary levels of its top executives. This provides the key to understanding whether a top executive's remuneration package is too large, too small or about right.

The research shows that this is because the total value of a director's remuneration package is, in turn, strongly linked to the size of basic salary: most incentive, bonus and pension schemes are designed to deliver percentages of basic salary, so the bigger the basic salary, the bigger the other elements



Brian Friedman, left, and Oliver Overstall, of Arthur Andersen, see progress

of remuneration tend to be. The Arthur Andersen complexity and size methodology, which has now been used by more than 40 leading UK companies, allows remuneration committees to assess objectively their own company in terms of its "size and complexity" profile and then to draw analytical comparisons with other companies in their own sector or similar sectors. This approach largely bypasses the difficulty that remuneration committees have in making sense of apparently incomprehensibly large ranges of competitors' and other companies' pay data.

Interestingly, more and more top directors' pay levels appear to be falling in line with the Arthur Andersen complexity and size benchmark — last year 16 per cent of top directors' basic pay was higher than expected, with 84 per cent within or a little below the expected range. Now, less than a year after Greenbury, the percentage of higher than expected pay has fallen to 14 per cent.

Arthur Andersen also analysed the extent to which UK companies have implemented the full transparency of board-level remuneration reporting favoured by Sir Richard, and the extent to which this has revealed any big surprises. The research shows that di-

rectors' total cash (basic salary plus bonus) rose 8 per cent in the past year. However, Arthur Andersen's corporate performance monitoring research service shows that corporate performance, in shareholder-value terms, rose more than 20 per cent in the same period. If pay rises continue to align so well with performance improvements in the future, few are likely to complain.

A surprising finding from the report is that a significant

“Virtually all companies are now publishing details of each director's remuneration”

number of company directors — perhaps as high as 10 per cent — receive pensionable bonuses, in spite of the suggestions in the Greenbury report that bonuses should not normally be pensionable.

The argument in favour of pensionable bonuses is that it is important to make pensions reflect the reality of average total cash earnings and that, as more emphasis is being put

on performance-linked elements of reward after Sir Richard's recommendations, the need to make bonuses pensionable becomes more imperative.

An alternative, but one which is unlikely to find favour in the current environment, would be to make much higher rewards available through executive incentive share schemes, such as are commonly found in the US.

However, perhaps Arthur Andersen's most surprising finding is that virtually all companies, 85 per cent, are now publishing almost every detail of each director's remuneration. A year ago, even the most diligent study of many companies' annual report and accounts left more questions than answers about board level remuneration matters.

Thus, Sir Richard's report has had a major impact on board remuneration practices in the UK in a relatively short space of time, and not least on much-increased transparency of reporting.

□ The authors lead the senior executive pay practice within Arthur Andersen. Brian Friedman is head of Arthur Andersen's Compensation & Benefits practice and Oliver Overstall is a manager.

□ Boardroom Pay in UK Quoted Companies 1996 is available from Arthur Andersen, 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2R 2PS.

Disclosure will force rivals to follow suit

THIS IS the season of results from accountancy firms. But this year there are two differences. First, the Big Six firms have abandoned the practice of contributing to a league table of results and will publish their own figures as and when they choose. And secondly, Stoy Hayward has issued much fuller figures than any other firm ever has, except for KPMG, which went for fuller disclosure last January when its audit division took on plc status.

Stoys is an individual firm. You could never mistake it for anyone else. Sometimes this works and sometimes it does not. At the height of the 1980s boom, it found that its tradition of erring on the side of what you might call ultra-entrepreneurial clients meant disaster after disaster as clients came unstuck and some found themselves in court. Being the auditors of Polly Peck at that time was not, hindsight notwithstanding, a clever thing to be.

But Stoys has fought back. It has always had a strong London partnership and it stands up for itself. The efforts to make its loss of the Royal Automobile Club audit to Price Waterhouse earlier this year into an issue that crystallised the fight between the medium-sized audit firms and the immense consultancy-driven muscle of the Big Six were admirable and courageous. At that time, many of its fellow medium-sized firms thought Stoy Hayward's efforts foolhardy. And doubtless some think the same of the publication of figures. But, as the aftermath of KPMG publishing its figures showed, the future judgment will be that this is the norm rather than an aberration. Stoys gives three reasons for publication. The first is that "we believe that we have an obligation to clients to be open about our finances", the second is that "we believe that secrecy can lead to misunderstandings" and the third is that "we want to encourage good reporting by accountancy firms".

For most of the firms, the first and third reasons are publicity-speak, however much they believe in them. The crucial reason is that of misunderstandings. Stoys knows this better than most. Back in the dark days of the Polly Peck business, it mistakenly opted for a strategy of refusing to comment as the drama unfolded. As a result, it took much flak and failed to get its side of the story across.

It learnt its lesson. Secrecy in that case led to misunderstandings. Now it has published more detailed figures than any of its direct competitors. The figures are not extensive. They do not rival the KPMG effort. But they do include figures for partners' income. And it is here that misunderstandings can occur.



ROBERT BRUCE

After the KPMG figures, which showed the senior partner to have remuneration of getting on for £740,000, it is important to note that the two highest earners at Stoys fell into the £250,001-£275,000 band and neither was Adrian Martin, the firm's managing partner.

The firm felt that getting across the earnings story was important. The partner average works out at £92,000. In Adrian Martin's words, "the KPMG figures meant that people thought that such earnings were true for everyone and that accountants could afford to take a hit on their fees".

Meanwhile, the wider point is also addressed. With the Big Six firms not taking part, the focus has shifted to the medium-sized firms. And it is obvious from the figures being released that times are certainly better. Fee growth such as 6.1 per cent from Pannell Kerr Forster, 5.6 per cent from Grant Thornton and 22 per cent from Smith & Williamson shows that the market is back on a growth course. But apart from Stoys, none of the other firms reports income and so rumours of low earnings persist. In spite of steady growth at Pannell Kerr Forster, for example. There is no way of assessing whether they are the sort of "misunderstanding" that Stoys now seeks to eliminate or are true. Equally, it is hard to assess from the other firms' figures what sort of state they are in to defend themselves against competition. The Big Six have targeted the medium-sized firms' market of owner-managed businesses as a source of growth. Only the most efficient and effective of the medium-sized firms will prosper or even survive in the competition to come.

Stoys makes this point. Specifically, it points out that "we are proud of our achievement of acting as reporting accountants to more Alternative Investment Market (AIM) companies which raised new money than any other single firm of accountants in the ten months to April". That is carefully worded and doubtless other firms will challenge for the top AIM adviser listing, but it shows that Stoys has a good idea of what is needed and that it is fighting its corner.

The key to the fight for market share will be reputation. The third of the Stoys reasons for fuller disclosure, the need to encourage good reporting by accountancy firms, is part of that. "The professions all used to be respected in their local communities," said Martin, "but that respect and mutual trust have been gradually eroded." He believes that the step by Stoys, however small, is "a way of beginning to address that". The rest of Stoy Hayward's competitors need to follow suit.

What makes e-mail less efficient than a telephone call



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Shares higher in thin trading

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Hertie Maeda

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The sixth Biennale at Cannes this year was not only the official competition for such veterans as Milla and Stephen Frears, but the standing ovation for *Beautiful Thing* marks the cinema of Jonathan Hurwitz. In its five principal roles, director, Hertie Maeda, better known for his work at such venues as the Court.

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FILM 1
A top-notch cast
muse on the
meaning of a
woman's life in
*How to Make
an American Quilt*



FILM 2
Alec Baldwin
and Demi Moore
clash in the
disappointing
courtroom drama,
The Juror

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FILM 3
Beautiful Thing
puts Jonathan
Harvey's hit
West End play
of gay love on
to the screen



FILM 4
... while Michael
Gambon takes a
walk on the dark
side in Nicolas
Roeg's latest,
Two Deaths

Is a woman's place really indecision?

CINEMA: Geoff Brown sees *How to Make an American Quilt* drop a few important stitches

The tender music strikes up. The reflective voice-over begins. And off we go into a maddening film that glides pleasantly past the eyes, assembles a sterling female cast, but keeps drifting into soft focus. The title is *How to Make an American Quilt*; the director is Jocelyn Moorehouse, whose celluloid handiwork up to now has all been Australian. She directed the fascinating *Proof*, and produced *Muriel's Wedding*. The voice-over is Winona Ryder's. She is spending the summer at her grandmother's home among the orange groves of California. A marriage proposal is on her mind; so is her Master's thesis on women's crafts in tribal cultures. To add to her worries, the house is filled with the relatives and friends who comprise the local quilting bee. Each has a history that must be told, some forlorn marriage, or other experience of the male sex. They are making Ryder's bridal quilt, and they call it "Where Love Resides". The film itself is a quilt of flashbacks, beautifully stitched but short of significance. Not that the script, from Whitney Otto's novel, lacks ambition. A metaphor lies around every corner; an object, a gesture or a full moon is always triggering some memory. But the women have not much to teach us beyond the importance of knowing and standing up for oneself. Ryder herself functions more as a

How to Make an American Quilt

Empire, 15, 116 mins
Fuzzy ruminations on women and men

Beautiful Thing

MGM Haymarket
15, 94 mins
Jonathan Harvey's play as feel-good cinema

The Juror

Warner West End
18, 118 mins
Increasingly silly courtroom drama

Two Deaths

Curzon West End
18, 96 mins
Roeg's talky drama

Paris Was a Woman

ICA Cinema
PG, 117 mins
Fascinating portrait of Left Bank lives

The Grotesque

MGM Shaftesbury Ave
18, 98 mins
Grotesque is the word

catalyst than a character, and her own indecisions seem small beer.

Where the film triumphs is in its casting. An astonishing line-up has been assembled, from Anne Bancroft and Ellen Burstyn to Jean Simmons, Kate Nelligan and the poet Maya Angelou. The women

may not always have much to work with, but Bancroft and Burstyn's bickering sisters, or Nelligan's bruised outsider, make the film's fuzzy feminism much more bearable.

Slice of life, or a slice of cake? *Beautiful Thing*, the gauche but exuberant film of Jonathan Harvey's stage hit, wants to be both. Initially, settings and characters put the film squarely in the British realist camp; this is a tale of working-class life on a housing estate in southeast London. But wait a moment. The concrete tower is softened by flower baskets. The talk is snappy. Noël Coward in T-shirt and jeans. And the sun beats down, bathing the screen in warm, vibrant colours. What paradise is this?

The film, made for Channel 4, bypasses the casts of the 1994 London productions, but retains the writer, the director — Hettie Macdonald (see interview below) — and the play's optimistic spirit. The two main characters, the teenage boys Jamie (Glen Barry) and Ste (Scott Neal), discover their tender feelings for each other without walls of anguish.

Venturing into cinema for the first time, Macdonald shows little instinctive feel for the medium: the film waddles like a duck. Still, she knows her material's strengths, its generous spirit and pepper-mint foot lotion into an injured back.



Maya Angelou, Winona Ryder and Ellen Burstyn share a smile in the "beautifully stitched, but short of significance" *How to Make an American Quilt*

to gay sex beyond exchanging fond glances, running through words, and rubbing peppermint foot lotion into an injured back.

"I need a little excitement," Demi Moore explains to her son when she learns of her

jury service in a Mafia trial. We all need excitement, that's why some of us go to the cinema. But in *The Juror* the commodity is hard to find. Moore is an artist and single mother who creates sculptures that you feel from the inside. Alec Baldwin, Mafia henchman, buys some and turns on the charm. He then moves in for the kill, forcing her to sway the jury to acquit a man whose guilt seems self-evident.

Baldwin's volatile character, known only as the Teacher, gives this dumpty film whatever electric charge it possesses. Screenwriter Ted Tally may have won an Oscar for *The Silence of the Lambs*, but he keeps his skills hidden here. He packs the script with old thriller chestnuts. British director Brian Gibson gives proceedings more visual interest than Irwin Winkler, the producer, might have managed; but he cannot seriously enliven a film that gets sillier and duller some by scene.

We press on to *Two Deaths*, the latest film by Nicolas Roeg and his regular writer, Allan Scott. They have made an oppressive chamber piece, a talk-dominated drama about the destructiveness of human passions, set in Bucharest as the Ceausescu government falls. Although based on a novel, the film feels more like an old-style television play than anything else. Characters thrash out their troubles in words, not deeds, and lurk in dark suits barely distinguishable from the grey-green walls around them.

Michael Gambon plays Pavenic, the prominent physician who braves the street

tumult to host an annual reunion of old friends. Pavenic is an imperious man, who reveals his cruelties as his banquet progresses from oysters to coffee and liqueurs. Jilted in love as a young man, he now employs the object of his desire (Sonia Braga) as servant and mistress. The meal's progress is also interrupted by humiliating revelations about Pavenic's guests, and incursions from the armed forces.

As is his wont, Roeg relishes the human personality's dark side, and plays games with time and memory. But there is no cutting edge to the visuals. *Two Deaths* traps us in a tomb of words and shadows.

Life returns with *Paris Was a Woman*. The thesis of Greta Schiller's absorbing documentary is that Paris between the wars contained more than Joyce, Hemingway and other exiled males. There was a network of women writing, painting, running the bookshops and magazines. This is scarcely bombshell news: Gertrude Stein has long been a Parisian trophy, and no coverage of Joyce can escape Sylvia Beach, publisher of *Ulysses*.

No matter. Schiller makes wonderful use of her archive footage. Paris street scenes, home movies, interviews old and new: all are served with a flourish and a delight in human oddity. These were special people, in a special age; and it is a delight to be in their company.

The cast of the black comedy romp *The Grotesque* is a mixed blessing. Alan Bates, a

crumbling aristocrat and paleontologist, goes over the top and back again. Theresa Russell, his American wife, gives more of a read-through than a performance. Meanwhile Sting, the sinister butler, hovers, sneers and takes various

characters to bed. John Paul Davidson, the director, brings no new angle to the overworked topic of British decay and eccentricity; but this bizarre film passes the time until something more sensible comes along.

Hettie Macdonald, novice director of *Beautiful Thing*, says follow that script

In the beginning were the words

The strong British presence at Cannes this year was not limited to the official competition, nor to such veterans as Mike Leigh and Stephen Frears. Consider the standing ovation given to *Beautiful Thing*, which marks the cinema debuts of Jonathan Harvey, the writer, its five principal actors, and a director, Hettie Macdonald, better known for theatre work at such venues as the Royal Court.

Though Harvey's hilarious and humane script (based on his acclaimed play) is commanding the most attention, the achievement of his 33-year-old neophyte director is no less significant. Indeed, Macdonald may well succeed where the likes of Trevor Nunn and Peter Hall have so far failed: in forging a cinema career to set alongside her

theatrical one, as another British director, Nicholas Hytner, managed triumphantly with his debut film, *The Madness of King George*. "I still don't know about movies," says Macdonald. "But if someone says, 'Direct this movie; we have faith in you', you have to go with that. And actually I wasn't nervous; I was too excited."

The "someones" in this case were co-producer Tony Garnett, chairman of World Productions, and Channel 4's head of drama, David Aukin, who hired Macdonald for the film despite Harvey's initial doubts. Macdonald found herself embarked upon a new task that proved surprisingly familiar — especially since she had directed the play in three different productions in its journey from fringe to West End. "Obviously, there are

more people involved on a film and it's more technical. But from the director's point of view, if you're dealing with something script-based, you go through the same process."

She invokes the French word "réalisme" to explain her attraction to the cinema: "You are getting inside the characters and realising someone else's story." And if that means rejecting another French term, the "auteur" theory of direction, then so be it: "Writers should always

have top billing; the writer is truly the creative force."

Macdonald has devoted much of her theatre career to new writing since she left Bristol University. At 24 she was in the West End, rehearsing American actor John Shea in a recast version of Larry Kramer's *The Normal Heart*. She spent 18 months as associate director at the Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich, and in the past year has had two acclaimed London productions: Carole Braverman's *The Yiddish Trojan Women* and, at the Court's Theatre Upstairs, Clare McIntyre's *The Thickness of Skin*.

Macdonald would rather bring a new writer to attention than stamp her own imprint on Shakespeare or Wilde. "New writers write about the world now," she explains, "and although people say, 'But Shakespeare is all about what's happening now,' I think, 'yes, but why not just do a new play? Also, if there are no new plays, the theatre will never move on. You can't keep doing *As You Like It*.'"

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Hettie Macdonald: "The writer is the creative force"

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'A bit patronising'

Every week, young film fans discuss the new releases...

HOW TO MAKE AN AMERICAN QUILT
Daisy Norman, 19: A bit patronising, but I loved it all the same.

Daniel Edelstein, 19: Winona Ryder seemed to add a secret ingredient, transforming it into an enjoyable film.

Ivan Polancec, 20: The directing and acting were very good.

Sarah Jenkins, 19: Sentimental, yes, but at all the right times and in all the right places.

BEAUTIFUL THING
Daisy: It deals with issues that are of vital importance to the gay community but ultimately succumbs to sentimentality.

Daniel: Punchy cinematography and dialogue. The finale lost touch with the stark reality it had done so well to create.

Ivan: A great atmosphere transmitted through powerful directing.

Sarah: The delicate subject was treated too heavily-handedly.

THE JUROR
Daisy: A typical engaging American psychological thriller, but it was just too long to hold my interest.

Daniel: Fast and well-directed, but tedious in its caricature of the Mafia.

Ivan: It came off well: the target audience will be on the edge of its seat.

Sarah: Uncohesive and went on forever.

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John Alderton stars in a revival of Joe Orton's *Loot*

VENUE: Opens tonight at the Churchill, Bromley

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Mark Elder comes to Covent Garden to conduct Verdi's *Nabucco*

VENUE: Tonight at the Royal Opera House

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VIDEOS

Banderas takes on Stallone in the macho thrills and spills of *Assassins*



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Operatic diva Dawn Upshaw dips into the Rodgers and Hart songbook for her new CD

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LOOT: John Alderton, whose numerous theatre and television credits include *Platoon*, *Upstairs, Downstairs* and *Forever Green*, plays Inspector Truscott in a revival of Joe Orton's jaunty black comedy *Go-Stepping*. *Rebels* (Lancaster, 1981) (181-460 6777). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm.

NABUCCO: The Royal Opera, in association with Welsh National Opera, presents Tim Albery's staging of Verdi's majestic choral opera, conducted by Mark Elder. Gregory Yonckh takes the role of Nabucco, with Robert Lloyd and Kurt Ryd sharing the role of Zaccaria. Singing in Italian with English subtitles. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (0171-304 4000). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then on June 15, 20, 23, July 3 and 6 at 7.30pm.

ST JOHN'S: An evening of Russian operatic arias and songs to launch the Russian Classic Music Club in London (0171-242 1882 for details). Including excerpts from Borodin's *Prince Igor*, Mussorgsky's *Boris Godunov* and Tchaikovsky's *The Maid of Orleans*, with songs by Glinka, Rimsky-Korsakov and Shostakovich. Russian Classic Music Club, 115 Upper St, N1 (0171-252 1818). Tue-Sat 8pm. Mon-Sat 8pm. Then on June 15, 20, 23, July 3 and 6 at 7.30pm.

DAMES AT SEA: Jim Cravell, Sara Crowe, Peter Duncan in a comedy musical in the style of the 1930s, music by Jim Wise, John Gardsyne directs. Extended until July 20. Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-312 1398). Mon-Sat 8pm. Mon-Sat 8pm. Then on June 15, 20, 23, July 3 and 6 at 7.30pm.

GHOSTS: *It's a jolly play about hypocrites, covers up and last-working-theater, appears to give some life to the dead.* David Hunt directs a cast led by Charlotte Cornwell and Christopher Hurn. King's Head, 115 Upper St, N1 (0171-252 1818). Tue-Sat 8pm. Mon-Sat 8pm. Then on June 15, 20, 23, July 3 and 6 at 7.30pm.

AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Stephen Dillane's powerful production, with David Ross as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Estelle Kohler as the pliers of society. Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5055). Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.15pm. Mon-Sat 8pm. Mon-Sat 8pm. Then on June 15, 20, 23, July 3 and 6 at 7.30pm.

JULIUS CAESAR: Christopher Benjamin plays the colorful, with John Nesch and Julian Glover (Julius) and Cassius) appearing at the head of Peter Hall's production from last year's Stratford season. Barbican, St. St. EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm. Mon-Sat 8pm. Mon-Sat 8pm. Then on June 15, 20, 23, July 3 and 6 at 7.30pm.

ON THE BOULEVARD: Barbara, singer, actress and Tony Award winner. ABC Pantom Street (0171-330 0631). Warner (0171-437 4343).

FROM DUSK TILL DAWN (18): Flamingo. A new production by Peter Hall. ABC Pantom Street (0171-330 0631). Warner (0171-437 4343).

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Macey

ELSEWHERE

BRISTOL: Opera lovers are in for another treat with three consecutive evening performances from Pavarotti. *Verdi's Nabucco*, conducted by Mark Elder. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (0171-304 4000). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then on June 15, 20, 23, July 3 and 6 at 7.30pm.

EDINBURGH: Claire Rutter, Mark Padmore, Isabelle Vernet and Kathleen Broderick are among the world-class singers appearing in Scottish Opera's production of *Verdi's Nabucco*. The company opens with *La traviata* (tonight, June 15 and 21), sung in Italian, followed by *Giulio Cesare* (tomorrow, June 20), sung in French. Puccini's final work, *Turandot*, completes the repertoire (June 15, 18 and 22). All with English subtitles. Festival, Nodden Street (0131-329 8000). Tonight-June 22, 7.15pm.

GLASGOW: The veteran Irish folk band The Dúdales takes the stage as part of their *Further Along* tour.

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and elsewhere on release across the country

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NEW ON VIDEO

Assassins

ASSASSINS
Warner, 15, 1995
REASONABLE action thriller with Sylvester Stallone as a melancholy contract killer hired to eliminate a surveillance expert (Julianne Moore). Antonio Banderas completes the triangle as an impudent hired gun shadowing Stallone's every move. The players bounce off each other well and relish what humour the script contains. Director Richard Donner does not probe the characters much, but does his stuff with explosives, air conditioning ducts and collapsing floors. Available to rent.

FRENCH CANCAN
Cannes, 1955
AFTER 15 years working in exile, Jean Renoir returned to France to make this exuberant drama about the Moulin Rouge and the delights of the cancan. The storyline is familiar (when his temperamental mistress walks out, Jean Gabin's theatre manager makes a star out of a laundress). Yet no other film glows with quite so much gaiety and tenderness, or bows out with such a tremendous display of swirling legs and colours. It should not be surprising: no other film director had the painter Auguste Renoir for a father.

ROME EXPRESS
First Class, 1932
"The best British picture ever," one patriotic critic declared when this mystery thriller first opened. Almost all the action—murder, theft, assorted mayhem—takes place on a continental train, and director Walter Forde keeps the action hurtling along. The passengers include Conrad Veidt's mysterious Zarta, Gordon Harker's suburbanite abroad and Hugh Williams's dashing young drip. The film remains hugely enjoyable.

THE GRIM REAPER
Arrow, 15, 1962
THIS was Bertolucci's first film, made when he was 22, though in some respects the dominant personality seems Pasolini, who devised the story. In the first seconds, the camera shows us a prostitute's body, found on a riverbank in Rome's suburbs. Possible witnesses are then interrogated, and it is their petty crimes and lies that

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THEATRE: B



■ OPERA

Don Carlos at the Garden is superbly sung, but the cuts and the staging do Verdi no favours



■ THEATRE 1

Body beautiful: Barclays New Stages reaches the parts that other festivals miss

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■ THEATRE 2

... and opens with a superb depiction of inner turmoil. **The Trick is to Keep Breathing**



■ TOMORROW

Steven Berkoff brings his **Coriolanus** to London: read the view of Benedict Nightingale

Euro pudding

Two aspects at least of the performance of *Don Carlos* that launches the Royal Opera's second Verdi Festival are truly festive. The opera is sung in good French, and the cast is of the dream variety. Verdi composed it in French and revised it — ceaselessly — in French. At last we hear how he wanted his opera to sound (I discount the DG recording purporting to be in French — it might as well be in Serbo-Croat). Covent Garden had a somewhat undercast bosh-shot at the original 13 years ago, and has now made full amends: Tuesday's cast actually includes — wonder of wonders — some French singers.

To list the performers is enough. José Van Dam, one of the great singers of the day, weighs the importance of every word and note as King Philip. Thomas Hampson, that most elegant of "cavalier" baritones, sings like an angel as Posa. Roberto Alagna makes an enormously promising stab at the title role, projecting the lines fearlessly; that extra inch of Gallic elegance and honeyed tone will surely come in an assumption that can only get better and better. The radiance and security of Karita Mattila's Elisabeth warm the heart of the sternest listener, who might otherwise query some of her tuning. Only Kurt Rydl's wobbly inquisitor lets the side down.

The main newcomer since the production was new at the Châtelet earlier in the year is the French mezzo Martine Dupuy, and she is a knock-out: Eboli's Vell Song is sung with infinite grace, and if *O don fatale* lacks the last ounce of vocal power, then a more

■ OPERA

Don Carlos
Covent Garden

sympathetic conductor could help disguise the fact. Not that Bernard Haitink is in any sense unsympathetic, but Tuesday's performance was a little "first-nighty" — cautious in the early acts, sometimes uncertain of ensemble, with the dash, crispness and that sense of pain that infuses the score coming later on.

That, I fear, is the end of the good news. What this dream cast has to sing is extremely controversial. The *Carlos* text is a minefield, but basically there is an 1867 Grand Opera in five acts and a "final" 1883 revision in four, with myriad variations in between and indeed thereafter. To mix the two, as happens here, is to ask for trouble. Inserting the *Lucy* ensemble (1867) for Carlos and the King in the prison scene, which

Verdi cut and never reused save in his Requiem, makes as much musical sense as showing a bit of *Peter Grimes* into *Death in Venice*. There is a weird, pointless spatchcocking of two versions of the scene for Elisabeth and Eboli in the study, and an even weirder version of the Posa-Philip duet from which so much of the rest of the action springs, or should spring: Verdi's final version is unarguably the best, and it is not used.

Worst of all is the mystery of the missing first scene, in which the ravages of war are shown to motivate Elisabeth's consent to marry Philip instead of Carlos — without it there is little reason to perform the Fontainebleau act at all (Verdi cut it). We were promised it, in this joint Châtelet-Garden text, and apparently it survived as far as the dress rehearsal, when someone decided the evening was too long and so it was cut. Well, *Götterdämmerung* goes on a bit, but would anyone recommend dropping the Norns' scene? I think not, and this calls into doubt the seriousness of the whole undertaking.

I thought Luc Bondy's drearily designed production unfocused and amateurish to an unacceptable degree. We are used to better here.

RODNEY MILNES



Chaos and confusion: a dream cast, but a nightmare revision of the score mars Luc Bondy's production of Verdi's *Don Carlos*

THEATRE: Barclays New Stages opens this week, with the human body as its main theme. We preview the festival, and (right) review the first show

Corpus shaped in blood and bone

The human body has been taking quite a beating in the arts in recent times. Visual artist Mona Hatoum put a micro-camera inside herself and projected her insides to the world. Performance artist Orlan has been transmitting live broadcasts of her cosmetic surgery to audiences. Ron Athey tattoos and pierces his body in performance, and Stelarc attached himself to the Internet via a computer which allowed strangers on the other side of the world to move his limbs by electro-stimulation.

Now the Barclays New Stages festival of contemporary performance at the Royal Court in London and in Birmingham is themed towards the body. It includes the work of Graham Cunningham, who suffers from rheumatoid arthritis, and CanDoCo, the integrated dance company which incorporates wheelchairs into its choreography. Is it just another expression

of *fin-de-siècle* anxiety or does the current fascination with the body in art offer up any more profound insights into our culture and society? If these artists have anything in common, it is their confrontation of the limitations and fallibilities of the human body. For the highly technological world we live in, it is hardly surprising that art should be expressing some anxiety about human capabilities. Not only is the work of millions of people being made obsolete by machines, but technology in the service of medical science is increasingly able to alter, rebuild and even predetermine our physical selves.

Like Stelarc, Graham Cunningham's performance links his body to machines (monitors of heartbeat and pulse), and like Athey he itemises the misfortunes of his life: from finding his mother drowned in a bath at the age of four, to the agonising medical battle with his disease. However, the per-

formance, he says, is part of a healing process. Far from believing that his body is gradually becoming obsolete, the exaggerated frailty of it fires his belief in its potential. "I know it sounds crazy, but I have researched it and discovered that the bone cells are completely renewed every nine months," he explains. "I've invented my own system of beliefs, a mixture of spirituality, psychology and willpower, and I really believe I can rebuild my bones. I spent four years on crutches. I came off them last November."

Celeste Dandeker, founding member of CanDoCo, has also refused to be held back by her body's limitations. As a young dancer with London Contemporary Dance, she fell 50ft during a performance and broke her back, leaving her paralysed from the neck down. "I was invited to take part in a film about a dancer who becomes paralysed, and it made me think I could do this

myself. We always work with both able-bodied dancers and dancers with physical disabilities, and we never compromise the quality of the work to that fact. It's important that all the dancers are working to the limits of their own bodies. And out of it we've discovered a new language of dance."

It is significant that the most positive visions of the body's capabilities are from those people who have already been let down by it and come to terms with that fact. The work of Cunningham in particular seems to have a cathartic effect on audiences. "People are getting more and more disassociated from any form of natural life," says Cunningham. "City life can be so disempowering, and the body can be a way of getting power back for ourselves."

CLARE BAYLEY
Barclays New Stages runs until July 6 (London: 0171-730 1745; Birmingham: 0121-440 3838)



Siobhan Redmond in *The Trick* at the Royal Court

In the canyons of her mind

THE piece that opens this year's Barclays New Stages involves a teacher who has a serious nervous breakdown in what the programme helpfully tells us is "contemporary West Central Scotland". Joy Stone loses her lover in a drowning accident, collapses screaming during his memorial service, goes into a pretty useless mental hospital, attempts suicide, then makes a modest recovery. At that level the moral seems to be: don't go nuts in West Central Scotland.

But that is not the level on which Michael Boyd's adaptation of Janice Galloway's novel operates. If it was, Glasgow's Tron Theatre would not be bringing it south to launch "a festival of the very best in cutting-edge performance". The main locale is Joy's mind, the primary intention to make us see and feel the pain spiralling inside.

The endeavour proves strikingly successful. I admit to a flutter or two when the curtain

The Trick is to
Keep Breathing
Royal Court

rose on three black-clad Joys standing in a sort of bus-queue while a cello and piano plinked ominously beside them. Was this going to be the cutting edge of pretension? But Boyd and his superb cast drew me into their idiom.

Jennifer Black is the Joy who tries to keep herself sufficiently glued together to present a sane-seeming front. Siobhan Redmond is the one who paces in agitation when her headmaster gets judgmental, or mimes strangling the social worker who says she "knows how you feel". Tracy Wiles, the id to their superego and ego, does little more than howl occasionally. Meanwhile, disorientating voices add to the sense of chaos. Joy's sister drunkenly yells,

"What about your mother, you callous bitch?", an accusation the more disturbing for coming from someone who looks like a pantomime dame and is played by a man, Lewis Hadden. Mum herself appears as a char obsessively cleaning the coffins that have inexplicably gathered round Joy's bed. Music, screaming mimes, chanting figures, actors in the balcony, blood on the backcloth, writing on the wall: you name it, Boyd has made it part of the brew.

My one caveat is that, with streams of violent and/or suicidal relatives turning up in her shortlist family tree, the psychological profile becomes hence less representative. Joy that does not compromise Tron's achievement. Setback or never have I seen the turmoil evoked with such theatrical resourcefulness.

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what he calls the musical effect of Stein's poetry into an intriguing piece of writing.

The text of Matthew Jeffery's *Letterbooks* is no less perplexing, consisting of jockey anecdotes worthy of a Christmas cracker or the comic *Vez*, which supposedly inspired it. Despite mezzo Fiona Kimm's best efforts, the jokes fell thuddingly flat. But if the score itself — with its boogies, bossa novas and party poppers — was little more than an end-of-term romp, it was a highly accomplished one.

There are few jokes in Gavin Thomas's *Leopardi Songs*, an elusive meditative setting of four verses by the Italian poet. The interludes linking the verses, atmospheric but charged with drama, are especially effective. Kimm was the persuasive soloist, and members of the Nash, here as elsewhere, acquitted themselves admirably — in several items under the direction of Thomas Adès.

The new offerings were framed by an arrangement for flute, viola and harp of Ravelli's *Piano Sonata* and a splendidly taut performance by Janice Graham, Michael Collins and Ian Brown of Stravinsky's *Soldier's Tale* suite.

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Louis de Bernières on the intellectual and political odyssey of a writer who has bravely championed the virtues of moderation

Nicholas Shakespeare recently published *The Dancer Upstairs*, which is concerned with a Lima policeman's dogged pursuit and capture of Abimael Guzman, the leader of the Shining Path terrorists, and now, as a most satisfying example of literary complementarity, Vargas Llosa has written a novel about two rural policemen living under the shadow of that same terrorism. Since these two writers have known each other for some years, it is tempting to suspect the existence of clandestine treaties in which territories have been amicably divided and information exchanged.

Vargas Llosa's policemen are Lituma (who appeared both in *The Green House* and *Who Killed Palomino Molero?*) and Tomás, a youngster who is in love with only a younger man, with a pretty showgirl who has deserted him and taken all his money.

Cleverly interwoven with the narrative are charming and entertaining episodes in which Tomás relates the events of his love affair

DEATH IN THE ANDES

By Mario Vargas Llosa

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MAKING WAVES

By Mario Vargas Llosa

Edited by John King

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to the sex-starved Lituma, who comments with appropriate outrage, sympathy or lubriciousness.

The dark side of the novel deals with disappearance, terror, and death. In several telling episodes, Vargas Llosa depicts the surreal killing spree of the Shining Path: a pair of French tourists are beaten to death with stones, an ecologist is butchered, a herd of vicuñas is

slaughtered so that they cannot be eaten by capitalists, and, as if the improvised lives of the Andeans are not already hard enough, we then learn of the arbitrary misbehaviour of the counter-terrorist military.

As the story progresses, we are led to suspect that three of the many deaths are related not to the Shining Path, but to ancient, pre-Columbian, rites of propitiation.

The book is rich in character and also in myth: there are *pistacos* (the Andean version of the vampire — a subject also close to Nicholas Shakespeare's heart, since he was once, and understandably, mistaken for one), there is a hilarious version of the Minotaur story, direct reference to the stories of Dionysus and the maenads, and allusion to a Holy Communion that is reminiscent of the most



Vargas Llosa: tenderness

horrifying passage of Nicholas Monsarrat's now unfashionable *The Tribe That Lost Its Head*.

Vargas Llosa describes Peru as "immense, mysterious, grey-

green, poverty-stricken, wealthy, ancient, hermetic" and he writes of it with love and despair, emotions that are often mixed equally in the breast of the thoughtful patriot. He is a great storyteller, who combines high seriousness with lightness of touch, and this is without doubt another of his great stories.

This same patriotic love and despair informs many of the essays in *Making Waves*. "For me Peru is a kind of incurable illness," he says, "and my relationship to it is intense, harsh, and full of the violence of passion." He continues, "Although I have sometimes hated Peru, this hatred... has always been steeped in tenderness."

It is probably true that anyone who loves Latin America does so with a mixture of enchantment and horror, but with these words he articulates the classical pain of

the Latin American intellectual, who is typically the most cosmopolitan in the world, understanding Europe and North America far better than do their own inhabitants, but living in paradoxical exile even when at home.

Making Waves spans 30 years of Vargas Llosa's intellectual and political odyssey, and includes letters, autobiography (both comic and serious), pieces of polemic, and essays on writers, art and artists.

There are roughly 50 pieces in all, items about Franco's Madrid, about Cuba in 1962, about a fat man who became a guerrilla, about his growing disillusionment with Sartre and Fidel Castro. There is a memorable essay on Camus, and a scathing and apposite attack upon

the humanities departments of North American universities, which have "fallen into the hands of falsifiers and sophists of every hue, who pass off ideology as knowledge".

What has made Vargas Llosa almost unique among the great contemporary Latin American writers is that he has retained all his passion while his powers of bullshit-detection have steadily grown.

Intellectuals in general, and Latin American ones in particular, have always felt it compulsory to (pretend to be on the radical Left, but Vargas Llosa chooses to risk everything by being vehemently in the middle: he espouses pluralism, liberal democracy, freedom of expression, and capitalism. His prose in these essays is sometimes even better than it is in his fiction, and his mordant and immediate defences of moderation are very refreshing.

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Subtle, mighty miracle drug

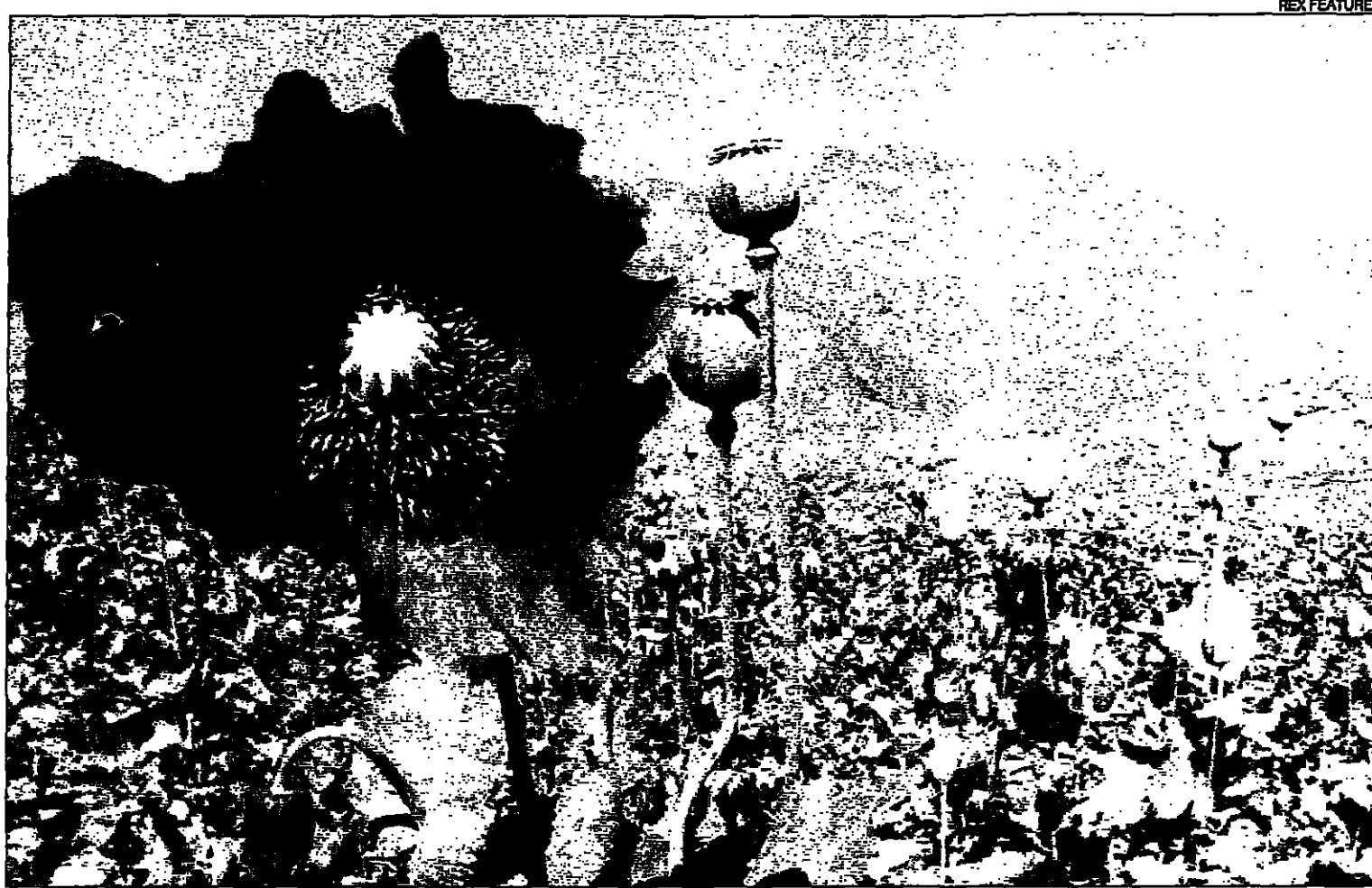
Susan Greenfield
on a poppy that is not just a problem

Imagine an industry with an annual turnover estimated at some \$750 billion, and a pricing structure for one product starting at \$75 per unit weight with a final retail value of up to \$1.4 million. No wonder it seems impossible to combat drug abuse by policing, when the income is in excess of all the combined terrorist movements on earth and greater than the resources of law enforcement agencies.

Martin Booth's authoritative and dispassionate account of the social and political aspects of dealing in opium and its derivative drugs demonstrates just how enormous, but also complex, our current "drugs problem" actually is. Farmers in the Golden Triangle grow opium poppies because otherwise they would starve: drug barons grow fat because of the demands of the addict; life for many in many societies is so dire that chemical oblivion is the only palliative.

Of course, most of us have long realised that the drugs problem encompasses cultural, political, religious, economic and psychological issues: yet Booth explores each of these in depth, while maintaining a lively pace without any sensationalist or judgmental undertones.

However, *Opium: A History* is far more than a snapshot of the current evils visited on us by heroin. Virtually every aspect of the use of opium as a drug is explored in turn as the reader



An opium poppy blossoming: opium, and its derivatives, cannot be viewed as exclusively evil; they are the most effective analgesics known

OPIUM

A History

By Martin Booth

Simon and Schuster, £17.99

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progresses: from learning how opium is produced to tracing its roots throughout modern civilisation, we arrive at the wizardry of the 19th-century chemists in isolating the most active ingredient, morphine, and in turn manufacturing the most potent derivative of morphine, the "heroic" substance, heroin.

But this is no simple socio-biological journey. Booth does not flinch

from a detailed survey of the less than honourable parts played in the growth of the current drugs problem by, for example, the British East India Company and the CIA when the opium trade could be used to promote national interests both in the previous century and the current one.

Another thread running throughout Booth's book is that opium is not like other drugs in that it cannot be immediately written off as exclusively evil. As the chapters progress from one era to the next, fascinating examples press home the message that opium was, until very recently, the only means of combating pain effectively, not to mention actually preventing the very real threat of death from diarrhoea. The opium

poppy was not really a "problem" until the more powerful and portable compounds, morphine and heroin, were available. It is not easy to condemn outright a drug that, even today, is recognised as the most effective analgesic.

In general, Booth offers a rich and definitive narrative on a major issue in a highly readable form. The one conspicuous omission is that no chapter explores the pharmacological aspects of opiates: after all, it is arguably one of the greatest discoveries in biology over the last few decades that we have naturally occurring opiates in our brains that act as chemical messenger systems between brain cells. It is these systems that are the target for heroin

as it rushes into the brain and acts to give, via the still mysterious brain-rod link, the sensation of euphoria.

Since Booth tells us a little of what it is like to take heroin, and of what it is like to go "cold turkey", a little more of the underlying pharmacology would have been appropriate. On the other hand, Booth's message is not primarily a scientific one. Rather, as with nuclear fission, we see how a potentially beneficial force has been turned into one of the greatest threats to society by greed, folly, jingoism and despair.

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An ordinary obsession

Christina Koning

VENUS FLARING

By Suzannah Dunn

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THIS IS a novel about obsessive love. The fact that those involved are two women, and that their relationship is not that of lovers, but friends, only intensifies the book's compelling power. In focusing on friendship — a relationship most of us take for granted — rather than on marriage or sexual liaison, Dunn shows again her gift for making the ordinary seem extraordinary.

When we first meet them, Veronica and Ornella are schoolfriends, drawn together by shared interests — in boys, in shopping — as well as by less tangible sympathies. Of the two, half-Italian Ornella is the dramatic one, given to extravagant gestures and displays of petulance. Veronica, the narrator, is enthralled by her from the start — allowing herself to become the foil for her friend's exotic beauty, and accepting her role as confidante and go-between in Ornella's love-life. The near-telepathic closeness of their friendship is shown in a series of vignettes — moments of complicity at school, or at a party — which encapsulate adolescence in all its solipsism and sexual uncertainty.

As the girls move into adulthood, the relationship whose intimacies we have been party to changes almost imperceptibly into something else. Ornella, who has specialised in medicine, takes up a post as a junior doctor in a London hospital — a job which, necessarily, allows her less time for her friend. Veronica, whose less structured career as a freelance journalist leaves her with time on her hands, finds herself increasingly marginalised — no longer a person of importance in Ornella's life. This diminished

role is all the more hurtful to her because Ornella herself seems unaware of it. When Ornella decides to get married, Veronica finds herself, doubly excluded.

It is at this point in the novel that Veronica's feelings towards Ornella start to seem like unhealthy fixation. She counts the days between Ornella's telephone calls, and when her friend neglects to phone her, she interprets this as a deliberate slight. She starts following Ornella home from work. With a subtlety which characterises the book as a whole, Dunn charts Veronica's descent from obsession into madness, culminating in the crime of passion which both consummates her relationship with the other woman and destroys it.

The precision with which Dunn anatomises the book's central relationship is one reason for its success; another is the crispness of her writing. Dunn's ear for the rhythms of adolescent speech is unerring, her feeling for the minutiae of experience acute. She is not a mannered writer, and her understated style can often seem like no more than reportage. Of course it is nothing of the kind; it takes a good deal of artistry to create the illusion of real life, and Dunn has managed something more difficult still, which is to show us how strange real life can be.

More than a pity

Whores are a perennially intriguing subject, for good or bad. The fascination with them springs from conflicting associations. Prostitutes can be viewed as embodiments of our desires and our fears; as bold rebels escaping traditional female niches, or as subjugated victims under men's thumbs. They arouse interest whether we find ourselves attracted, outraged or both at once.

We can feel sympathetic one moment, scornful the next, or just curiously in the dark about these conspicuous figures who are familiar to everybody yet rarely really understood. Straddling the centuries, prostitution has proved a persistent business.

Ruth Mazo Karras is wised-up to the feminist arguments which surround the subject today. Karras, resisting generalisations about prostitution down the ages, focuses on the sex trade in the Middle Ages in England.

She comes to the conclusion that prostitution in this period influenced the concept of feminine sexuality generally. This deeply affected gender relations and apparently justified measures to maintain control over women in all walks of life.

Karras's research uncovers obscure legal records. She investigates the economic and demographic specifics of the 150 years after the Black Death to the close of the 15th century. This she defines, overall, as an era of social change, of population growth, of rural displacement because of enclosure, of expanding urban manufacturing. Such sociopolitical factors, Karras suggests, encouraged women into whoredom. She holds that, counter to some more positive assessments of the business, becoming a prostitute involved more



A ubiquitous profession: 15th-century German brothel

Kate Bassett

COMMON WOMEN

Prostitution and Sexuality in Medieval England

By Ruth Mazo Karras

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social coercion than assured self-determination.

Ambivalent medieval attitudes towards prostitutes are also surveyed, notably the ecclesiastical and judicial approaches to the stew. Some brothels were banned, some tolerated, others actually institutionalised, the latter simultaneously indicating acceptance and the insinuation of restrictive powers.

The virtue of Karras's work is that it holds our often-fictional images of prostitutes up against historical facts. It has to be said, however, that her thesis-style prose can be off-putting to the reader.

Nevertheless, when Karras homes in on specific court cases against bawds, archival records prove rich with vivid

details. We learn of women charged with wantonness being publicly paraded in striped hoods, symbolic white rods in their hands. We read of Alice Dymmock of Great Yarmouth fined for keeping a suspicious house, assaulting people and milking others' cows. In York, Isabella Wakefield was punished for fornication with Peter Bird, a priest to whom she kept returning.

These women come alive again. As Karras gathers them together, their sheer diversity constantly, comfortingly, proves her initial overviews too narrow. Meanwhile, meagre legal documentation leaves many questions unanswered. These women's histories remain, tantalisingly, mostly a mystery.

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Fox, Sheldrake: fizzing with ideas

written in the heavens. He is not alone in his discontent with modern biology, but morphic resonance remains highly elusive. Together Fox and Sheldrake make a heady mixture, and the book fizzles with ideas. Unfortunately its dialogue form means that none of these are worked out with any degree of thoroughness, and at the awkward points the conversation simply moves on. Both authors agree that the current mechanistic models of the universe need to be replaced by organic ones which allow a proper place for the soul, and which are affirmative rather than destructive.

2nd century, or by Renaissance thinkers like Paracelsus, or in German *Naturphilosophie*, with not altogether happy results.

A fairly typical exchange explores the idea of "largeness of soul". Sheldrake develops the point that in looking at someone we are not merely receiving light rays into our eyes but are in some non-metaphorical sense projecting a mental image onto them. The "proof" of this is that people can tell when they are being looked at. Not only does this extraordinary idea overturn one of the things Descartes surely got right, namely that thoughts are not located in space but, as is typical with this kind of speculation, it proves far too much. If everything is influenced by being looked at, then one would expect the evidence for it to be everywhere, just as one would expect morphic resonance, if it exists, to be as evident as the force of gravity.

But indiscriminate affirmation leads to some odd results. The Virgin Mary, for instance, becomes Mother Nature, and we are introduced to "The Eucharistic Law of the Universe", whereby everything "eats or gets eaten in some form or other". There is no recognition that organic models have been tried before, as in Gnosticism in the

dark interference patterns in diffracted light. At least I think it is a misinterpretation, but the whole account is so loosely worded that it is difficult to tell. It is a relief when Fox brings the conversation back to Eckhart. "The ground of the soul is dark." Indeed. But it is not long before morphic resonance rears its head as an explanation of religious ritual.

I do not wish to carp. There are some good things in the book. I like the rhapsody on grace, the emphasis on praise, the encouragement of creativity. I am taken by the suggestion that the great mystics should be read in a bubble bath so that our rational intellect can be soothed out of the way. I also applaud the attempt to find a meeting of minds and spirits from two very different starting points.

But if this is to be fruitful there has to be intellectual discipline, and preferably the participants have to speak out of the centre of the traditions they represent. The trouble with being a rebel is that one can speculate freely and make almost any linkages one chooses, but these carry little weight because they are not attached to the main body of knowledge. The result is likely to be exhilarating but insubstantial.

Drink deep, think again

What is it about George Crabbe? Last year saw the first publication of his long poem *The Voluntary Insane*, which had been found in manuscript by a dealer, Felix Pryor, who edited it for Richard Cohen Books (£12.99). Now Roy Davids has found two further unpublished Crabbe poems.

The Tavern, seven stanzas in praise of the pub, starts: "All the Comforts of Life in a Tavern are known/ 'Tis his Home who possesses not one of his Own..." These poems turned up among a treasury of papers collected by Richard Monckton Milnes, the early editor and biographer of Keats, which had been unsifted for more than a century. Meanwhile, copies of early editions of the volumes that the Rev George Crabbe did publish have become rather common, after the sale of a significant collection. But prices vary widely: comparable first editions of *Tales of the Hall* (1819) were recently offered at £35 and £125 in different catalogues.

As Crabbe's titles vouch, he is a parochial poet, and even in his lifetime he was thought old-fashioned, but it is a mistake to condescend to his knowledge of the heart and the hearth. Critics may mock, but Crabbe will have his day.

BIBLIOMANE

WHEN A member of the Roxburgh Club decides to sell his library, the trade holds its breath. For the club is the most exclusive of societies for book collectors.

After 40 years of collecting in England and America, Anthony Hobson has sent his books to Sotheby's, where he once headed the book department, and of which his father had been chairman. "One word explains why," he says. "Lloyd's."

Hobson's collections are of the great 20th-century authors. As a friend puts it, "the Auden, Graves, Eliot, Waugh and Woolf are remarkable, the Yeats is staggering". The sale takes place on June 28, during the week of the London bookfairs.

Manuscripts can be a mixed blessing. When the first 665 pages of Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* turned up in 1990 there was much excitement. But the new edition from Bloomsbury is either a new text or a facsimile, but a rather disappointing interim report.

It calls itself the "Comprehensive Edition", but then concedes that it is really only "more comprehensive". Finally it lets on that the Mark Twain Project is planning yet another edition, "with a complete textual apparatus, noting in thorough and detailed form all the variations between the manuscript... and the authorially approved, printed text" (which is what a textual apparatus is).

The new manuscript contains, as the introduction puts it, "chunks" of material that Twain omitted. Unfortunately, these chunks amount to only perhaps half-a-dozen entirely new pages of text, and one cannot blithely reinstate all of Twain's crossings-out just for novelty's sake.

So the drama of discovery is not matched by any impact on literary history. Generally, the manuscript is characterised by the sort of improvements of phrasing one would expect from an author doing his job of writing as well as he can. But Twain is frustratingly oblivious to modern America's correctitudes.

His editors are flummoxed. They kindly see that critical prescriptivism is crass, but they can't help imposing their views of what Twain was up to when he revised this or that; tellingly, they call this "the book we love to hate and wish had never happened".

JIM MCCUE

She was a showgirl

No one but a child of British Empire builders would have dared adopt, as did one Eliza Gilbert in the 1840s, the personality of Donna Lola Montez, aristocratic Spanish dancer with an explosive temper and a passion for celebrated lovers ranging from the composer Liszt to King Ludwig I of Bavaria. Lola Montez has long been a name to conjure with in Europe, Australia and America, an exotic fraud who took a horsewep to those who dared question her fantasies. I revelled in Bruce Seymour's entertaining new biography of this shameless adventuress.

Eliza Gilbert was born in 1830, daughter of Edward Gilbert, an English ensign serving in County Cork and of a pretty milliner's assistant. Within four years Mrs

Flora Fraser

LOLA MONTEZ
A Life

By Bruce Seymour
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Gilbert was widowed, Eliza fatherless, and both surviving on a small Army widow's pension at Dnapore near Patna in India. Edward had died from cholera within days of arrival at the garrison where he had hoped for adventure and advancement. Mrs Gilbert, resourceful in extremity, soon shared a new husband in Lieutenant Patrick Craigie from Montrose in Scotland. When the itinerant Craiges were posted to Meerut near Delhi, six-year-old Eliza Gilbert was dispatched "back home" to Montrose, which would serve as a launching pad for a course of superior English schooling paid for by her stepfather.

Eliza emerged from a Bath boarding school in 1837 a dazzling 17-year-old, met her mother who had travelled from India for the first time since she was six — and quarrelled with her. Confounding plans for her marriage to an elderly major-general in Bengal, she ran off to Ireland with a 30-year-old lieutenant, Thomas James, himself on leave from India. Marriage and life with his regiment out in northern India failed to appeal to Eliza. By the age of 20 she was bound for England once more where, it was proposed, she should live on a small income supplied by her estranged husband and in social ignominy.

Eliza promptly started up a flagrant shipboard affair with a nephew of the Duke of Richmond, and when that failed, sailed for Cadiz. While her husband James pursued her in the divorce courts in England, Eliza was picking up a



Lola Montez with the Arapaho chief Light in the Clouds, whom she met in Philadelphia in 1852

smattering of Spanish — language, dancing, and customs including pistol-shooting and cigar-smoking. They were to be the principal accoutrements of the Spanish dancer. Lola Montez, who made her debut at Her Majesty's Theatre, Haymarket, in the summer of 1843. Eliza Gilbert James was no more; Lola, aristocratic victim of the Carlist wars, was born.

In all the wild adventures and turmoil and scandal which followed, the audacity of Lola's London debut remains breathtaking. She had barely the steps required for even two dances — one entitled "Death to the Tarantula" —

in her repertoire, yet *The Times* expressed itself as grateful to have seen "a Spanish dance by a Spaniard, executed after the Spanish fashion".

Further celebrity performances throughout Europe — and stormy romances with royal princelings, rows with *gendarmes* and expulsion from Poland — culminated in a fiasco at the Paris Opera where Lola Montez failed to fool a critical public. Her lover was killed in a duel in the Bois. And creditors were pressing.

Seymour's narrative of Lola's various masquerades is so absorbing that the reader rarely has time

to wonder where he has mined his information. But it is worth noting that he is the co-editor of the correspondence of Lola and King Ludwig I of Bavaria. The chapters in this biography relating Lola's association with Freud, during which he rose to become "crown prince" before their explosive falling out in 1912. The role in that tragicomic played by Sabina Spielrein, Jung's infatuated patient/mistress who defected to the Freudian camp, is here sensitively handled, as McLynn points out the contrasts between these sex-obsessed Oedipal rivals: Freud interminably talking dirty with his patients but never doing it, Jung having affairs with many of his clients while his theories denied the supremacy of sex. Both were hypocrites in their own fashion, but it is hard to resist Freud's *bon mot* on Jung's conduct towards Spielrein: "A gentleman should not do such things, even unconsciously."

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Through the hell of his passions

Roy Porter

CARL GUSTAV JUNG
By Frank McLynn
Bantam, £20
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Why Vienna was the cradle of psychoanalysis is not hard to see. But Zurich's great contribution to depth psychology is often neglected, and not the last virtue of Frank McLynn's surefooted life of Switzerland's greatest mind-doctor is to show how that country became the Mecca of psychoanalysis for the gentiles. Shielded behind their Alpine defences, the Swiss could boast all the contradictions from which neuroses spring: an exterior respectable, conservative, pious, moneyed — and a brooding narcissism befitting Europe's oddest and most insular nation, the homeland of the very first Romantic genius, Jean-Jacques Rousseau. Who better embodied these paradoxes than Carl Gustav Jung?

The creative tensions sparking Jung's genius arose directly from his parentage — his father a gloomy, introverted, erudite Protestant pastor; his mother dominant, demanding, superstitious and spooky. Small wonder that their brilliant son, who lost his faith, having trained in medicine and turned to psychiatry, homed in on personality dichotomies: proceeding to formulate theories about the *animus* and the *anima*, extroverts and introverts.

Jung's life oscillated round contrary drives and desires. A gourmet who married for money, he loved hobnobbing with the Rockefeller's and their ilk; yet he equally craved hermit-like seclusion at his beloved lakeside retreat.

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The lofty mystical voyager into the collective unconscious might seem a strange choice for the biographer of action-men like Stanley and Sir Richard Burton, and academics may gleefully seize upon occasional slips.

But in truth, as an outsider free from the petty jealousies of psychopolitics, McLynn is just the man for the job. Here is Jung warts and all, a self-centred, grandiose prima donna, even if talk of his "notorious promiscuity" is a shade over the top. That the world had misunderstood him was almost the last thing Jung ever said; he might have felt the same of McLynn's nonsense biography, but it may prove our best rounded portrait until the Jung clan unlocks the secrets in his private papers.



Carl Jung: mystical voyager

Lost children of mitochondrial Eve?

Mark Ridley

THE NEANDERTAL ENIGMA
Solving the Mystery of Human Origins

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been any number of others, which have not left copies today. And would that Bible tell us when and where modern Christianity originated? No: the ancestral MS might have been written at any of a range of times, in any monastery in Europe: nothing forces it to have

been written in the Holy Land at the time of Christ. Welcome to the "mitochondrial Eve" controversy. Mitochondria are structures inside all our cells. They contain a little text of DNA (about 1/200,000 of our complete DNA library). Mitochondrial DNA is copied when we breed: fragile inference suggests that our ancestral mitochondrial DNA lived in a woman (otherwise known as "mitochondrial Eve") in Africa, maybe 100,000 to 200,000 years ago.

The problem is that this time and place have repeatedly been taken for the time when and place where modern humans evolved. Shreeve innocently repeats the *canard* in his book. Alas, mitochondrial Eve

tells us no more about human origins than a manuscript tree tells us about the origin of a religion. Indeed, it probably tells us less, because texts matter in the origin of religions — whereas the origin of humans probably had nothing to do with mitochondria.

If you swallow the mitochondrial Eve theory, one implication is that modern Europeans are not descended from Neanderthals. The Neanderthals (most scientists regard Shreeve's spelling, Neanderthal, as erroneous) are a distinct group of fossil humans who inhabited Europe maybe 250,000 to 40,000 years ago. Some have argued that modern Europeans are descended from Neanderthals.

modern Africans from indigenous African contemporaries of Neanderthals, and modern Asians from Asian contemporaries of Neanderthals.

IF, HOWEVER, all humans are descended from Africans who lived 100,000 or more years ago, the Neanderthals must have been an evolutionary dead-end, replaced by African colonists 40,000 years ago. Hence the word "Neanderthal" in Shreeve's title, but his subtitle is more accurate (if you ignore the word "solving").

Shreeve likes personal antagonisms, and has little time for depersonalised evidence. He is an American science journalist, and

has interviewed the main experts. He explains the party-lines, but tells us little about how they can be tested. We meet Chris Stringer (of the Natural History Museum, London) and learn how they lose their tempers with each other. The nearest we get to evidence is when Chris Stringer pulls bones out of boxes in the Natural History Museum, like rabbits out of a hat.

Shreeve is better on some parts of the science than others. His treatment of the fossil bones and mitochondrial Eve is confused and misses the main problem, but he is better in two chapters on archaeology. He has, for instance, a nice bit about how he learnt to make stone tools. But it is in all a book for readers who are more interested in the personalities, rather than the intellectual content, of science.

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NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire beat Warwickshire by 27 runs

EVEN as Warwickshire, those masters of cricketing psychology, were bawling them into acquiescence once again, Northamptonshire decided that the assertiveness they had honed through 11 successive one-day wins applied as much to these imposing opponents as to any others. The result was dramatic, instantaneous and, for Warwickshire, terminal.

A Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final that had been drifting towards the favourites was won by the underdogs in a remarkable ten-over spell yesterday. Put another way, Northamptonshire won it once they began to believe they could.

Warwickshire, needing only 74 runs from the last 17 overs with six wickets intact, lost five of them for 25. It was beyond even the ingenuity of Dermot Reeve to salvage that situation and he was left alone and abandoned, head bowed in sorrow, as a fourth run-out conceded the game.

Two of the run-outs were

spectacular direct hits by Tim Walton, who would have won the Gold Award for his batting even before this confirmation of his secondary justification in the side. The other two were performed by Curly Ambrose, whose animation knew no bounds. Plainly, one last Lord's final means as much to him as it does to John Emburey, who may now plan his playing retirement for immediately after the match with Lancashire on July 13.

SCOREBOARD

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: 230 for 7 (T C Walton 70 not out)

WARWICKSHIRE
A J Miles c Penberthy b Curran 33
N M Smith c Ambrose b Taylor 15
D R Brown b Taylor 10
D P O'Sullivan b Ambrose 23
P A Smith run out 14
T L Penberthy run out 14
M Pollock c Love b Capel 14
D A Reeve run out 21
G Welch b w b Emburey 1
K J Piper run out 1
A F Giles run out 8
Extras (b 7, w 2) 9
Total (47.5 overs) 230
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-36, 3-41, 4-118, 5-147, 6-151, 7-157, 8-159, 9-172.
SCORING: Ambrose 8-0-38-1; Taylor 10-1-65-3; Curran 10-0-21-1; Capel 6-0-35-1; Penberthy 4-0-30-0; Emburey 6.5-1-31-1.
Gold Award, T C Walton.
Umpires: C Balderson and J H Hampshire.

Cup defeats add spice

THE outcome of the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-finals has added extra spice to what already promised to be an appetising encounter at Headingley today (Simon Wilde writes). With Yorkshire top of the Britannia Assurance county championship and Warwickshire fourth, there was much to play for; with both thwarted in their cup ambitions, the stakes have been raised.

Warwickshire await news of the fitness of Reeve, who played through back pain at

Northampton, and they are certain to be without Munton and Small. Yorkshire are at full strength.

Another significant match is at Canterbury, where Kent take on Middlesex, who are showing signs of finding their best form. Both teams welcome back key seam bowlers after injury. Headley for Kent and Johnson for Middlesex, whose delight will be tempered by the knowledge that they may be without Gatting, who has been laid low by a viral infection.

This was a gripping game, its modest scores dictated by tight bowling on a pitch that punished the inattentive batsman. Warwickshire were marginal favourites when they resumed yesterday requiring a further 130, not only because the better weather favoured them but because they routinely expect to win. For a time, it seemed that Northamptonshire sensed as much, for their cricket lacked vitality and Rob Bailey's decision to give Penberthy four overs from the pavilion ended in lack of logic. He did not need to bowl at all and Warwickshire plainly relished it, taking 30 off his spell as a launchpad for the day.

They had lost Ostler to classical fast bowling from Ambrose who disconcerted his man with a lifter, then slipped a yorker through his diffident footwork — but Paul Smith and Penney quickly shared a stand of 29 and when Emburey was belatedly summoned, Northamptonshire were desperate for wickets.

They took them by the bucketful once Walton had surprised the fleet-footed Penney with a precise, flat return from deep mid-wicket. Smith, who had reached 44 from 30 balls and then failed to add from the next ten, betrayed his frustration in the next over, tried to steal a single and found Walton there before him again.

Panic unworthy of Warwickshire set in with the ungainly dismissals of Pollock and Welch and, when Ambrose and Emburey combined neatly to run out Piper, the old-timers performed jigs worthy of men half their age. They will illuminate a big day at Lord's one more time and now, perhaps, Northamptonshire will believe they can beat allcomers.

Weir happily back making waves

David Powell talks to an athlete aiming for another throw of the Olympic dice

There should be a new society formed in British athletics. Athletes Out Of Retirement. Potential founder members: Tessa Sanderson, Judy Oakes, Jonathan Ridgeon, Bob Weir. Nomination for first president: Weir, on the grounds that he was retired the longest.

The comeback of Sanderson, Oakes and Ridgeon have been well documented, but Weir's has been lost in the rush. At the trials to determine the Great Britain team for Atlanta, in Birmingham from tomorrow until Sunday, Weir will pick up his discus in an attempt to return to the Olympic Games 12 years after he last appeared in them. The feeling is that he need only turn up to succeed.

Weir can reasonably hope to become the first British man since Mark Pharoah, 40 years ago, to finish in the top eight of an Olympic discus competition, all because of a commitment made to the late Howard Payne, three times the Commonwealth hammer champion and Weir's mentor in the early Eighties, who would never let him settle in his retirement.

Giving in to Payne's attempts to cajole him back, Weir agreed, after nine years in retirement, to return. No sooner had he done so than Payne died. "It was a promise I had made and I felt I should keep it," Weir said. That was in 1992. In 1993, he came out throwing only 48 metres, but finished the summer on 61.30.

In 1994, Weir won Commonwealth bronze, and last year reached the final at the world championships in Gothenburg. Traditionally, discus finals have been dominated by Eastern Europeans, but Weir's 62.50 metres was



Weir, who retired in 1984, in training at Birmingham, where he continues his comeback this weekend

an automatic qualifying mark for the final.

The top eight throwers from the final qualified for three more, which excluded Weir, who finished ninth with 63.14. How ironic, for a man who quit after the Los Angeles Olympics party in protest at the drugs culture, that in his first global championship

since his return, his path should have been blocked by a cheat. Weir was denied by Dmitry Shevchenko's third-round throw of 63.18. Shevchenko was banned for four years after failing a drugs test taken seven days later.

"With three more throws, I felt I could have improved on my 63.14," Weir said. "My

goal in the Olympics is to do better than how it turned out in the world championships." His best this season is 62.02, but he feels the 22-year-old British record is within his reach once he is more into the swing of competition.

Not that surpassing Bill Tancred's 64.32 will do. Richard Slaney's 65.16, set in 1985 but not ratified, is where Weir is shooting. "I consider that to be the British record," Weir said. It would take him close to Olympic medal territory. The bronze in Gothenburg was won with 65.88.

Weir is 35, and thinking in terms not of one more Olympics but two or even three, not because Sanderson is 40, or Oakes 38, but because Al Oerter, the greatest discus thrower of them all, improved his best to 69.46 at the age of 43 — this 24 years, and one long retirement, after winning the first of his four Olympic gold medals.

For most of Weir's absence from athletics, he played professional American football in Canada, earning not a fortune but more than enough to live on. There is little money in discus and he continues to live, as he has mostly since 1981, in North America, where he is employed as a throws coach at Stanford University. Stanford is better known for its tennis players, notably John McEnroe and Sam Smith, than its athletes.

Weir must add three metres to his best of 63.56, set last year, if he is to win his challenge this season with Denise Lewis, the Commonwealth heptathlon champion. He said he would throw further in centimetres than she would score in points, a boast which appeared to backfire when Lewis set a British record 6.645 points last month.

However, out of such challenges can great achievements be inspired. A 66.45-metre throw in the Olympic final? Impossible, but not impossible.

IN BRIEF

Tauziat escapes to victory

NATHALIE TAUZIAT, of France, the No 2 seed, staged a remarkable recovery when she beat Tamarine Tanasugarn, of Thailand, 4-6, 7-6, 6-3 in the second round of the DFS Classic tennis tournament at Edgbaston yesterday.

Tauziat lost the first set and trailed 6-0 in the tie-break in the second set. Yet she won the next eight points to take the second set and then romped through the third.

Three British players, Clare Wood, Sam Smith and Karen Cross, were beaten in the first round. Wood, who won the Beckenham tournament last Saturday, was beaten 6-3, 6-1 by Nicole Pietrangeli, of the United States. Smith went down 7-5, 6-3 to Miriam Oremans, of Holland, and Cross lost 6-2, 6-2 to Maria Strandlund, of Sweden.

GOLF: Kathryn Marshall, the Scot who was Europe's travelling reserve at the last Solheim Cup at The Greenbrier two years ago, has temporarily forsaken the US tour to pursue 180 points on offer to the winner of the Deesee Swiss Open, which starts today at the Golf and Country Club de Maison Blanche, a few miles from Geneva.

POLO: Brook Johnson's team, C S Brooks, secured its place in the semi-finals of the Guards Club's high-goal Queen's Cup by defeating Sheikh Alhamrani's Palmira by 8-7 in extra time at Smith's Lawn, Windsor Great Park, yesterday.

BOWLS: Bryan Marshall, Jamie Holmes and Nathan Birkin, who are all 22, teamed up with Mark Christmas, 29, to take Essex to a 22-21 victory over Norfolk in the preliminary round of the English Bowling Association's Inter-county Top Four championship.

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2	K P Adams 3 (R P Stewart)	6716	25	Gloucestershire 2nd XI (P O'Brien)	6415	53	Gloucestershire 2nd XI (P O'Brien)	6415	76	Opportunities 4th XI (P Stewart)	6761	6761	76	K P Adams 3 (R P Stewart)	6716
3	Edgemoor 3 (J P Stewart)	6691	26	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	54	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	77	Edgemoor 3 (J P Stewart)	6691	6691	77	Edgemoor 3 (J P Stewart)	6691
4	Edgemoor 2 (J P Stewart)	6691	27	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	55	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	78	Edgemoor 2 (J P Stewart)	6691	6691	78	Edgemoor 2 (J P Stewart)	6691
5	Southgate 4 (P Stewart)	6686	28	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	56	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	79	Southgate 4 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	79	Southgate 4 (P Stewart)	6686
6	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	29	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	57	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	80	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	80	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686
7	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	30	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	58	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	81	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	81	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686
8	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	31	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	59	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	82	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	82	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686
9	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	32	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	60	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	83	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	83	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686
10	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	33	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	61	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	84	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	84	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686
11	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	34	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	62	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	85	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	85	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686
12	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	35	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	63	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	86	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	86	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686
13	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	36	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	64	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	87	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	87	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686
14	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	37	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	65	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	88	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	88	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686
15	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	38	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	66	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	89	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	89	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686
16	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	39	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	67	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	90	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	90	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686
17	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	40	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	68	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	91	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	91	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686
18	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	41	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	69	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	92	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	92	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686
19	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	42	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	70	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	93	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	93	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686
20	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	43	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	71	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	94	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	94	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686
21	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	44	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	72	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	95	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	95	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686
22	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	45	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	73	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	96	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	96	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686
23	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	46	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	74	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	97	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	97	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686
24	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	47	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	75	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	98	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	98	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686
25	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	48	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	76	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	99	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	99	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686
26	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	49	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	77	Gloucestershire 1st XI (P O'Brien)	6415	100	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686	6686	100	Edgemoor 1 (P Stewart)	6686

INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD

The scores in brackets are the points scored in the last week; the other scores are the cumulative points scored since the start of the season. The figures include all matches completed by June 10. Overseas players are shown in bold type. Rising Stars in italic.

Player (No)	Runs	Wickets	Total
Batsmen (001-135)			
C J Adams (001)	632 (244)	0	632 (244)
G F Archer (002)	281 (13)	0	281 (13)
M A Atherton (003)	430 (102)	0	430 (102)
C W Athey (004)	287 (13)	0	287 (13)
M Atherton (005)	287 (13)	0	287 (13)
R Bailey (006)	501 (59)	0	501 (59)
K J Barnes (007)	501 (59)	0	501 (59)
N B Benson (008)	501 (59)	0	501 (59)
M G Bower (009)	217 (27)	0	217 (27)
J D Burt (010)	257 (23)	0	257 (23)
D J Burt (011)	257 (23)	0	257 (23)
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DAILY TEAM-BY-TEAM GUIDE

GROUP A

ENGLAND

Bryan Robson took over where Terry Venables left off after England's training session at Bisham Abbey yesterday morning. Robson, the assistant coach, criticised media coverage of the players' activities during their controversial two-day break over the weekend. "It is getting so bad that some of the younger players are afraid to play for England these days because of the coverage they know they will get," Robson said. "Paul Ince went to a private barbecue on Sunday and on Monday he found his picture splashed all over the front of a national newspaper. You have got to ask what they are trying to do." Venables meanwhile has turned down an offer of psychological help from Uri Geller.

Alan Shearer is on a roll: on top of breaking his goal drought against Switzerland, he won the squad golf tournament at a nearby club on Tuesday. Whether he bought drinks for his team-mates is probably a moot point.

CAUTIONS: Adams, G Neville

GROUP B

SPAIN

Javier Clemente, the coach, is fond of devising new ways to revive his squad. In the training camp, it was all aqua-based, water torture disguised as hydrotherapy. Now the theme has been continued in England, although it is the British weather that has provided the torture element.

Provoked by claims that his side looked tired during their opening match, Clemente ordered the whole squad to relax by playing golf. The only problem was a howling wind and pouring rain that raged across Yorkshire at the time. A problem, that is, for all but Clemente, who was in his element. "It will toughen their spirits," he said.

Clemente has dismissed the criticism of his side. "We are not tired, we are strong enough to win the tournament," he said. "We were heavy in the first game only because of the intense pressure it puts on you."

CAUTIONS: Caminero, Sergi, Amor, Abertardo

DISMISSAL: Rizzo

GROUP C

GERMANY

Yesterday was a time of good works and good PR in the German camp. About 2,000 people turned up to the open training session at Macclesfield, autograph sheets were passed round and everybody was happy, including Mario Basler, who started running yesterday, five days after his ankle operation. "At least there was no broken glass on the pitch," Thomas Helmer said.

Then it was back to the team hotel for Dr Franz Böhmer to present Alex Ferguson with £10,000 for the local charity, Destination Florida, followed by work for the German anti-drugs campaign, with the leading German a cappella/pop group, Die Prinzen, performing their hit, You Must Be a Pig. Helmer was more worried by tabloid stories in Munich that had him walking in the wood with his wife yesterday. "She does not arrive until tomorrow," Helmer said, "so you must know I was not in the forest either."

CAUTIONS: Reuter, Hässler, Möller, Kuntz, Babbel, Ziege

GROUP D

DENMARK

There is scandal English-style and there is scandal Danish-style. While we ponder alcohol abuse, the Danish press were gasping in horror at the empty seats in the television lounge as the Turkey v Croatia game was being screened live. The players had all jumped on a bus and gone on a tour of the East Coast countryside, especially arranged by Richard Møller Nielsen, their coach.

Nielsen decided that it would be best for morale if he and the team watched the game together later. He is no fool. The only player whom he took with him to Nottingham was Jes Høgh. Høgh used to play in Istanbul and was therefore the only Danish player likely to offer useful analysis.

Brian Laudrup, meanwhile, has denied rumours that he will sign for Barcelona. He has another 18 months of his contract to run at Rangers and said yesterday that he is happy to stay in Scotland.

CAUTIONS: Risager, Helveg

SWITZERLAND

Patrick Sylvestre, Switzerland's right-sided midfielder or defender, did not feature in the 1-1 draw with England and is unlikely to see much action against Holland tonight. If so, he would be entirely within his rights to ask for early leave of absence on compassionate grounds.

Sylvestre, 28, was not included in Artur Jorge's original selection, but received a late call-up after Christophe Christel cried off with a broken toe.

Trouble was, Sylvestre's wife, Valérie, was expecting their second child at any minute and he was torn between professional and paternal duty.

As is nature's wont, baby Chloé arrived a few hours later and the decision was made for him. Mother and daughter were fine and he dashed off to join up with the squad. "Had she not been born so soon, I am not sure what I would have done," he said. "Family is family, it must come first."

CAUTIONS: Vogel, Curtin, Grassi, Vage

BULGARIA

Trifon Ivanov could become one of the more memorable figures in these championships with his ballistic shooting. Watch in wonder if he gets any free kicks inside Romania's half today. If he fails to detonate Euro 96, however, he still has plenty to fall back on in his anonymity. Rapid Vienna, his Austrian club, have purchased for him, as the ultimate perk, a chain of petrol stations back home in Bulgaria. No wonder the Bulgars are turning in four star performances.

It is a trend continued by Stojchkov and Letchkov, who, between them, own property and even a bank back in Sofia. The Bulgarians are hoping to go into credit against Romania today, but have problems. Tzvetanov will replace the suspended Houbtchev, but Karakov has a thigh strain and is out, while Penov and Kostadinov are doubts with muscle strains.

CAUTIONS: Stojchkov, Kechichev, Tzvetanov

DISMISSAL: Houbtchev

CZECH REPUBLIC

Hope springs eternal. Having witnessed Italy v Russia and a near-perfect display from the Italians, the Czechs' opponents tomorrow, the players were left clutching at straws, or at least the Italian offside trap.

"Maybe our chance is the Italian offside system," Patrik Berger said yesterday. "Three times, they only just got away with it."

"It is one area where the Italians can be suppressed," Václav Nemecek added, while acknowledging the Italians' "thorough discipline, team movement and tactics".

The Czech press is hoping that the team's tendency to play badly one game and brilliantly the next is what saves them from an early exit from Euro 96. "They talk too much," was Nemecek's response. However, optimism has to be founded on something. As Berger pointed out, a far better result for him would have been for the Russians to have equalised.

CAUTIONS: Kadlec, Drulak, Bejbi, Nedomed

PORTUGAL

Portugal have won a lot of friends so far, Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, yesterday selecting them as one of the teams who most impressed him. Inside the camp, however, they are worried about fitness and firepower. The demands of a long season at top clubs have taken their toll, with Paulo Sousa lasting only an hour against Denmark and Rui Costa also struggling. The lack of goals is an equal problem.

Yesterday they tried to put both problems right with two training sessions. The morning session, which was open to the public, included shooting practice.

They should get more tomorrow, with Turkey their next game. "We are more developed technically, we have good attacking players, so it is natural if we take the game to them," Joaquim Teixeira, the assistant coach, said yesterday.

CAUTIONS: Ocasio, Sa Pinto, João Pinto, Paulinho Santos, Paulo Sousa

HOLLAND

Dutch football is famed for its finely integrated style, but that does not always mean harmony within the squad. Yesterday, Guus Hiddink, the coach, criticised the performance of his central midfield players against Scotland, saying that they had used "their heart and not their head". The rebuke, however, was not accepted meekly. "If everyone had played as I did," Clarence Seedorf said tartly, "we would have won."

Not a lot of people, especially in Holland, will know that the late of their side could lie in the hands of the best man of Hristo Stoichkov, the temperamental yet talented Bulgaria forward. Antanas Ouzounov, the referee for the game against Switzerland tonight, lives in Plovdiv, where Stoichkov was born, and claims to have discovered and nurtured the Great One. If the Dutch show any dissent or try to take liberties this evening, it is likely that he has seen it all before.

CAUTIONS: Wittege, Taument

ROMANIA

He is among the best players in the world, is going for a goal, and wants to come to Italy. The only problem is that Gheorghe Hagi, the Romanian talisman, is, well, typically English when it comes to domestic football.

He moved to Barcelona after a triumphant World Cup in 1994, only to allow his weight to balloon by two stone and his performance to suffer by an inverse ratio. Barcelona will allow him to move for virtually nothing this summer.

São Paulo, of Brazil, is the favoured destination, but, with perhaps an eye on the television riches soon to be slopping around the FA Carling Premiership, he has begun a courtship process within these shores. "I like English football and I think it would like me very much," he said.

He is back to near his best and needs to be because Romania have problems, especially in goal, where they may opt for the inexperienced Tite.

CAUTIONS: Mihail, Stoyles, Ite

ITALY

Pierluigi Casiraghi may have scored twice for Italy at Anfield, but he kept his feet firmly on the ground yesterday, despite the Italian media portraying him as the biggest Italian hero since Garibaldi. The reason: Sacchi, the Italy coach, was hinting that Casiraghi is tired and changes will be made for the game against the Czech Republic.

"I feel I've repaid my manager's faith in me and I have woken up an Italian hero, but I'm not totally certain of being chosen," Casiraghi said. Nonetheless, he is regarded as one of Sacchi's favourites.

Asked about Zola's impressive performance on Tuesday, Sacchi would pick out only Casiraghi. "It is a question of being convinced of your ideas and one of the players that emerged from a certain grey area was Casiraghi," the coach said.

Sacchi is now expected to play Ravenelli tomorrow instead.

CAUTIONS: Albertini, Doronzi

TURKEY

Turkey's vociferous supporters brought a touch of carnival to the streets around the City Ground, Nottingham, on Tuesday. The flag-waving, klaxon-honking and incessant chanting started hours before kick-off time, for the match against Croatia, and the cacophony of noise continued deep into the game. Though the ground was far from full, it provided for an exuberant atmosphere.

A banner, offering peace and goodwill, was also unfurled. It read: "Best wishes and regards to Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II and symbol of Great Britain and the gentlemen people of England on behalf of all sport fans in Turkey."

Goran Vlaovic's late winner finally subdued the hordes, but Fatih Terim, the Turkey coach, remained defiant. "We played well, but our inexperience in such a big event showed itself in the last few minutes," he said. "We at least proved that Turkey deserve to belong in this tournament."

CAUTION: Tolunay

SCOTLAND

As well as shrinking the world, telecommunications also make mockery more immediate. Team-mates at Chelsea have instructed John Spencer to switch on his mobile phone on as soon as the game on Saturday is over so they can rib him about defeat by England.

All of this makes Spencer's desire for victory at Wembley all the more keen and he is particularly weary of English references to the penalty denied Holland on Monday. "I don't care how we win," he said. "I'll even take a faulty deflection in the last minute — off the hand of John Collins."

Scotland are such infrequent scorers that something unusual will be required. Craig Brown, the manager, was asked where the mischief that creates goals could be found. "Spencer has got devilment," he replied. "I've got a bit of a goal scoring problem too," the Chelsea forward, who is yet to find the net after ten caps, said.

CAUTIONS: Boyd, Gallacher

FRANCE

It is tempting to get gloomy about England's prospects at Euro 96 when you examine the France squad closely. Eight of their players are moving to Italy or are already based there, two more are in Spain, yet the quality of the domestic game still seems stronger than the FA Carling Premiership, as the European competitions last season will bear out. Interestingly, though the likes of Dugary, Zidane, Djorkaeff, Anglioma and Thuram were approached by English clubs, none chose to follow the lead of Cantona and Gincola by coming to these shores. The answer, apparently, is that, while English football is exciting, Italian is still by far the best.

"I was approached by Blackburn, but you have to understand that Milan, where I will be going, is the top team and Italy the top venue," Christophe Dugary said. Before we despair too much, a couple of their reserve players are still up for grabs, and who knows, they might just be beer drinkers.

CAUTIONS: Di Meo

RUSSIA

No surprises from the Russia camp yesterday — they cancelled a press conference. Oleg Romantsev, the coach, said, after the defeat by Italy on Tuesday, that he needed longer to think about the game before saying why they had lost and yesterday was clearly too soon. The man from Reuters, who speaks fluent Russian, got in anyway, which was a surprise, and reported that they were unhappy with Italy's first goal, claiming that Casiraghi was offside.

The defeat leaves them knowing that they will now almost certainly have to beat Germany at Old Trafford on Sunday if they are to progress. "I'm not treating this as a drama, nothing's lost yet," Kanchelskis said, "but the crucial game now is against Germany."

They will have to face it without Bushmanov, who went off injured against Italy and will take no further part in the tournament.

CAUTIONS: Onopko, Kolyanov, Kovtun

CROATIA

Though they might have been dancing in the streets of Zagreb on Tuesday night, after Croatia's 1-0 victory against Turkey, it was not all good news in the camp of Europe's latest fledgling force. Zvonimir Boban, the captain, retired hurt after 57 minutes, with knee ligament damage, while Alen Boksic received three stitches in a head wound and also sustained a bruised instep.

Miroslav Blazevic, 61, the Croatia coach, is a wily old bird and dismissed the injuries as mere grubs bites. "They will be ready," he said, in reference to their next Group D fixture, against Denmark at Hillsborough on Sunday. On closer inspection, though, and with the whispered assistance of the Croatian medical staff, it appears that they might not be. Boksic is on the easy list for up to 48 hours and Boban could be sidelined for as many as four days. Blazevic, clearly, is a master of disguise.

CAUTIONS: Asanovic, Boban, Soldo

REPORTS: Oliver Holt, Kevin McCarra, Peter Bell, Russell Kempson, Alyson Rudd, David Maddock and Louise Taylor

MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE

GROUP A

England 1 Switzerland 1
Shearer (23) Turkylmaz (83 pen)
(Wembley, attendance 76,567)

Holland 0 Scotland 0
(Villa Park, attendance 34,363)

Today

Switzerland v Holland
(Villa Park, 7.30) BBC1

Sat June 15

England v Scotland
(Wembley, 3.0) BBC1

Tues June 18

Scotland v Switzerland
(Villa Park, 7.30)

England v Holland
(Wembley, 7.30)

GROUP B

Spain 1 Bulgaria 1
Alfonso (73) Stoichkov (65 pen)
(Eland Road, attendance 26,008)

Romania 0 France 1
Dugary (24)
(St James' Park, attendance 26,323)

Today

Bulgaria v Romania
(St James' Park, 4.30) ITV

Sat June 15

France v Spain (Eland Road, 6.0) ITV

Tues June 18

France v Bulgaria
(St James' Park, 4.30)

Romania v Spain
(Eland Road, 4.30)

GROUP C

Germany 2 Czech Republic 0
Ziege (25) Möller (31)
(Old Trafford, attendance 37,300)

Italy 2 Russia 1
Casiraghi (5, 52) Tsymbar (20)
(Anfield, attendance 35,120)

Tomorrow

Czech Republic v Italy (Anfield, 7.30) ITV

Sun June 16

Russia v Germany
(Old Trafford, 3.0) ITV

Wed June 19

Italy v Czech Republic
(Old Trafford, 7.30)

Russia v Czech Republic
(Anfield, 7.30)

GROUP D

Denmark 1 Portugal 1
B Laudrup (21) Sa Pinto (52)
(Hillsborough, attendance 34,963)

Turkey 0 Croatia 1
Vlaovic (85)
(City Ground, attendance 22,460)

Tomorrow

Portugal v Turkey
(City Ground, 4.30) BBC1

Sun June 16

Croatia v Denmark
(Hillsborough, 6.0) BBC1

Wed June 19

Croatia v Portugal
(City Ground, 4.30)

Turkey v Denmark (Hillsborough, 4.30)

P W D L F A Pts

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Switzerland 1 0 1 0 1 1 1

Holland 1 0 1 0 0 0 1

Scotland 1 0 1 0 0 0 1

P W D L F A Pts

France 1 1 0 0 1 0 3

Bulgaria 1 0 1 0 1 1 1

Spain 1 0 1 0 1 1 1

Romania 1 0 0 1 0 1 0

P W D L F A Pts

Germany 1 1 0 0 2 0 3

Italy 1 1 0 0 2 1 3

Russia 1 0 0 1 1 2 0

Czech Rep 1 0 0 1 0 2 0

P W D L F A Pts

Croatia 1 1 0 0 1 0 3

Denmark 1 0 1 0 1 1 1

Portugal 1 0 1 0 1 1 1

Turkey 1 0 0 1 0 1 0

QUARTER FINALS

Sat June 22 Winners Group B v Runners-up Group A (Anfield, 6.30)

Sun June 23 Winners Group C v Runners-up Group D (Old Trafford, 3.0)

Sat June 22 Runners-up Group B v Winner Group A (Wembley, 3.0)

Sun June 23 Runners-up Group C v Winner Group D (Villa Park, 6.30)

SEMI-FINALS

Wed June 26 Villa Park winners v Anfield winners (Old Trafford, 4.0)

Wed June 26 Wembley winners v Old Trafford winners (Wembley, 7.30)

FINAL

Sun June 30 Wembley (7.0) BBC1 and ITV

PREVIOUS WINNERS

1960: USSR

1964: Spain

1968: Italy

1972: West Germany

1976: Czechoslovakia

1980: West Germany

1984: France

1988: Holland

1992: Denmark

RUNNERS-UP

1960: Yugoslavia

1964: USSR

1968: Yugoslavia

1972: USSR

1976: West Germany

1980: Belgium

1984: Spain

1988: USSR

1992: Germany

LATEST BETTING

11-4: Germany

7-2: Italy

5-1: France

6-1: Holland

8-1: England

10-1: Spain

10-1: Portugal

14-1: Croatia

LATEST BETTING

25-1: Bulgaria

25-1: Denmark

50-1: Russia

50-1: Romania

50-1: Switzerland

85-1: Scotland

150-1: Czech Republic

250-1: Turkey

Odds by Ladbrokes

FOUL PLAY

47 Cautions

22 Dismissals

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FOOTBALL: MISGUIDED REFEREES OVERSHADOW INDIVIDUAL FLAIR AS COACHES CONTRIBUTE TO CAUTIOUS OPENING EXCHANGES

Official line reins in Europe's finest

By ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

LIKE most marathons, the European championship is off to a measured rather than an explosive pace. Now that all 16 teams have gauged the weather and the tournament, only 13 goals have been yielded in 12 hours of football. Some teams will soon have to let go of the safety rail of caution, but the signs already are that this is shaping up to be a trainer's rather than a player's event. By that, I mean that coaches paid as handsomely as £750,000 per year, the remuneration of Arrigo Sacchi, of Italy, are insisting that the performers conform to their team designs or, whoever they are, they will not get a place in the squad. The two exceptions appear to be Bulgaria, a team



if ever there was one led by tempestuous and gifted individuals, and Portugal, whose coach says again and again that the game has to be about more than winning, it has to contain the joy and philosophy of an art form.

We shall see how far Hristo Stoichkov can take the Bulgarians: we shall see whether the mesmerizing interchanging between the Portuguese can be translated first into goals and then into the commodity that the Germans, the Italians, the French and Spaniards are most interested in, points.

The one set of individuals that did start off this contest at too fast a pace — referees who were under orders strictly to enforce the letter of the law — had brandished 30 yellow cards and two red after only four games. They came back to a more sensible rhythm, just 17 cards in the next four games, and one wonders whether it is fair that Germany, for example, were made to pay a fine of £4,000 for their six bookings when teams later enjoyed greater latitude.

"Players should not only content themselves with wearing the fair play logo," Lennart Johansson, the Swedish president of Uefa, said, "but are expected to display fair play in their conduct." Fine, but officialdom might also have the grace to admit mistakes. Lefi Sundell, a fellow Swede, made



The tempestuous Stoichkov, left, who displayed outstanding skills, celebrates his goal in the 1-1 draw with Spain as Kiriakov moves away

the terrible ricket of allowing John Collins, of Scotland, not only to deprive Holland of a legitimate goal by his handball on the line, not only to remain on the field when a red card was automatic in that situation, but to be, arguably, the best performer of the match and to remain free to pit his wits against England on Saturday.

Gus Hiddink, the very reasonable coach of Holland, did ask Uefa, the European governing body of football, why it was that neither the referee nor the linesman was positioned in the normal fashion, from where they would surely have seen such a blatant handball. He awaits a reply.

Meanwhile, the tournament awaits ignition. We had it at Elland Road on Sunday when Spain and Bulgaria fought the one red-blooded, memorable affair. Bulgaria appeared to have ten gifted individuals

who were not really a team. Spain had a team in the hard, pragmatic mould of their Basque manager, Javier Clemente, but no outstanding player, or at least none who dared to show peacock colours outside of the straitjacket that is Clemente's demand.

But in that match Stoichkov, smouldering as he always does, was denied, by a linesman's flag, the most sublime goal so far. He had moved intuitively in anticipation of a fine angled through-ball, had used his mercurial left foot to loft the ball as if using a sand-wedge out of a bunker, and curled it over Andoni Zubizarreta, the goalkeeper wearing the Spanish jersey for the 107th time. They had played as team-mates in Barcelona and, as they smiled together, the one in disappointment, the other relieved,

both knew that the linesman's call was marginal, but that Stoichkov's temper could not afford a second outburst, a second yellow card.

In the same match, Juan Antonio Pizzi, the Spain centre forward, was sent off. Respected managers were heard la-

'Elsewhere thank heavens there was ambience rather than confrontation'

menting that it was "the lad's" first foul and that it happened on the halfway line. So what? It was a tackle from behind so late and so harsh that it could have broken the shin of his opponent. We should all — players, officials, supporters — ensure that this kind of recklessness is punished as severely as the Italian referee, Piero Ceccarini, decided.

Elsewhere, thank heavens, there was an ambience rather than a confrontation between the law and the citizens. So far 293,078 spectators have passed through the gates of the eight stadiums. The eight games have produced one arrest inside the grounds for each game played and the 128 arrests made outside the stadiums and in city centres include a majority for drunkenness or for touring.

These figures are well below average for league football. The vacancies created at Wormwood Scrubs, Holloway and Liverpool, Durham and Leeds prisons are still unoccupied and long may that continue.

The one pitch encroachment I have seen came at the end of a marvellous night of Scottish and Dutch intermingling at Villa Park on Monday. The lone Scotsman who breached

the security around the pitch was enacting, it seemed, the *Ode to Joy* theme that has been played everywhere; his arrest, though both he and the police officer were smiling, was both inevitable and correct.

For, having remodelled stadiums post-Hillsborough without those dreadful fences that still enclose spectators all around Europe, there has to be a premium of trust on the people. That trust is as much on trial this month as any player, any team.

And now, before the teams limber up for the increasingly important nights, one seasoned world traveller, the Dutch writer, Jaap de Groot summed up: "I did learn something new this week. It seems that after 150 years of the game in England, your journalists have discovered there are players who like to drink after the tensions of a match."

Unhappy Bulgaria loathe to be beside the seaside

By DAVID MADDOCK

THE Bulgarians have packed their bags and high-tailed out of Scarborough, never to return. The final straw came, it seems, when their hosts, eager to counter claims of boredom, offered to organise a bus trip to the promenade.

The move came after a players' revolt. The squad, led by Hristo Stoichkov, complained that there was nothing to do, and far too much travelling involved, from their base on the east coast.

Instead, they will now enjoy the pastoral delights of ... Stockton-on-Tees. For those unfamiliar with this town, as quite clearly the Bulgarians are, the phrase "industrial wasteland" should offer the appropriate picture.

The Bulgaria squad will stay in Stockton before and after the Group B fixture with Romania at St James' Park today, and then they will move on to another corner of the Cleveland industrial heartland, Newton Aycliffe. "We have nothing against Scarborough, but it was too isolated, and there was nothing to do there, except play table tennis and go for walks," Boris Myhalov, the Bulgaria and Reading goalkeeper, said.

Yesterday, the good citizens of Scarborough offered a hearty defence of their wind-blown seaside town. "They chose the hotel because it is isolated, and they wanted to be segregated from the temptations of the nightlife in Scarborough centre," John Treble, the town council's chief executive, explained.

Quite what that says about the Bulgarians or their nightlife back home is probably best left unexplored.

The contest today between Bulgaria and Romania should be an intense affair as there is little love lost between the two nations. Much will depend on those two moody mavericks, Stoichkov and Gheorghe Hagi. "We have recaptured our feeling of two years ago at the World Cup, and we feel we will progress strongly," Stoichkov said.

Hagi is a little more diplomatic. "The Bulgarians have probably the strongest attack in the competition, and it will be very hard," he said. "But it is a game we simply have to win. Our tournament is now at stake on this game because of the defeat against France."

Hiddink demands controlled approach from Dutch

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

HOLLAND have always been noted for their individual skills. Ten talented outfield players strutting their stuff, but with a team ethic to fall back on if things went wrong. Tonight, against Switzerland in Group A at Villa Park, they will be asked to adopt a more cerebral approach.

In the closing stages of the 0-0 draw with Scotland on Monday, Holland ran out of ideas, lost shape and then tried to bludgeon their way through the massed ranks in front of them. It might have made for a frenzied, engrossing spectacle, but did little to impress Guus Hiddink, the Holland coach.

"We did not use our brains, we played too much from our hearts," he said. "We have to think a bit more about what we are doing, especially when we are getting frustrated. We must use our heads more. It has to be that way."

The return of Danny Blind, the Ajax central defender, will help soothe the nagging fears should all not go according to plan. The Holland captain missed the Scotland game because of suspension, but will replace Johan de Kock. "We were over-enthusiastic," Blind said. "We have to stay calm." Peter Hoekstra, the left winger, has recovered from a knee injury and is likely to replace Gaston Taument.

Holland realise, though, after Switzerland's defiant 0-0 draw against England, that a once supposedly predictable group still has a myriad of permutations. "Swiss football has developed tremendously in recent years," Hiddink said. "They have caught up with all the major European countries."

Artur Jorge, the Switzerland coach, will also reshape his side. Marc Hotiger, the Everton full back, has served a one-match suspension and will take over from Sebastian Jeanneret, the apprentice clockmaker from Neuchâtel. Jorge will again leave Stéphane Chapuisat, the Borussia Dortmund striker, on the substitutes' bench, preferring Marco Grassi and Kubilay Turkulmaz up front.

"Playing three forwards against Holland would be regarded by many coaches as stupid," he said. "They do not have any real weak spots, but perhaps some aspects are not as good as others."

The priceless joy of triumph, the crying shame of defeat

Goran Vlaovic is a significant figure in European history. He reached this place of eminence by spending 15 minutes of his time trying to kick a bladder between a pair of socks. After 11 of these minutes he actually did so.

I was there when Vlaovic took the field as substitute for his country, Croatia, and when he took his country to this important moment in its history. I was there when he sprinted from inside his own half, rounded the Turkish full back and goalie, when he scored. I was there when he performed the Klinsmann swallow-dive on to the turf before a small band of fellow Croatians in the stands. And I saw joy burst like a rainbow across the sodden night.

Perhaps you detect a tinge of irony, a patronising sneer at the idea that such a thing really could have any significance outside the self-enclosed world of sport. But I intend no such thing. The world of sport is not self-enclosed at all.

Croatia has existed for an eye-blink of history. It is seeking to change its status from a war zone to that of a

nation that dines at the high table of Europe. And it happens that Euro 96 is the high table of Europe.

I remember meeting the Lithuanian Olympic Committee in a horrible coffee shop near the Houses of Parliament. The Soviet collapse was not yet actual and the Lithuanians had not then been recognised by the International Olympic Committee. They were trying to change that.

Good people. I liked them a lot. And so, interview done, we drank some more unpleasant coffee for the pleasure of talk. I blathered on a bit about there being too much nationalism in the Olympic Games. Burn the flags, silence the national anthems. "You say that because you are a privileged person. How long has your nation been free?" Ouch. And she continued. Only an old nation has the luxury of rejecting nationalism, she said.

Whether sport matters more to an old or to a new nation I cannot say, but certainly to a young one it carries more significance. I am fond of quoting the remark of Ondina Viera, manager of the Uruguay football team in the

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Fifties. "Other nations have history. We have football."

A lot of nations have football as a kind of instant history. Most of sub-Saharan Africa for a start. Cameroon's victory over Argentina in the opening match of the 1990 World Cup was part of the history of Africa: a spectacular entry into the modern world. The fortunes of a football team affect the sense of who you are, the nature of your place in international life. Ridiculous, perhaps, but unquestionably true.

On Tuesday night, the Turkish people felt much of the same thing. Turkey is not

exactly an emergent nation, but it is a country that wishes to be considered newly modern, a place with deserved access to the high table. The footballers, at least, have earned the right to dine there by qualifying, and they take part in the finals bearing the hopes of the nation. They felt it, too, playing with edginess and passion and, finally, with despair, as Rustu Recber, their goalie, gave witness as he wept salt tears into the soaking turf after Vlaovic had beaten him.

Football matters. All sport matters. Perhaps it shouldn't, sport being essentially silly, but unquestionably it does. Politicians pursue sport, and athletes, in search of the elusive phenomenon called the "feel-good" factor. Businesses attach themselves to sport and to athletes for the "sell-good" factor. Trade once followed the flag: these days it follows sporting achievement.

Perhaps the English, being members of an old and sophisticated country, have sport and nationalism in a sensible perspective, but if so, why the nationwide hurt when "our" unfit footballers followed a poor performance with a few beers? Why does Terry Venables, the England coach, call the journalists who reported the matter "traitors"? It can only be that, for us, the national football team matters.

No matter how old, or how powerful, or how prosperous a nation is, sport matters. Do you doubt me? Then wait for approximately six weeks and watch the American response to the Olympic Games, and especially to the basketball team's ritual slaying of the slain. Watch America's joy at every mismatch. Listen for the curdling whoops that will follow every American triumph. Greatest nation on earth. Way to go! Whoa-oop! Moral: every nation on earth seeks to understand itself through sport.

Vlaovic reaps reward for courage

Russell Kempson
hears a story of
success in adversity

GORAN VLAOVIC is 23, still boyish and sports the barest hint of a moustache. After scoring the winning goal for Croatia against Turkey on Tuesday, he is a national hero. Yet behind the fresh-faced visage lies a remarkable, often tragic, tale — as are so many from Croatia, a country born of a region torn apart by conflict. Vlaovic tells it as it was, unemotionally and with an almost eerie detachment.

How, when he was 19, his grandfather, Franjo, was killed during the war in Cernik, eastern Croatia. "He thought the grenading had finished and went outside to have a look," Vlaovic said yesterday.

"It had not. He was hit by the last bomb." How four other relatives lost their lives, and many friends, too; how, when he was 12, his mother, Vera, died of a tumour.

And of how his biggest test was reserved for after the war. Only eight months ago, Vlaovic was diagnosed as suffering from a rare brain disorder. A blockage had to be removed by microsurgery. Dr Jacques Kamard, a Belgian, performed the operation.

"If it was not for him, I would not be playing," Vlaovic said. He remembers all the dates — again, in a matter-of-fact manner. "The condition was found in early August. The operation was on September 15, 1995 and, on October 20, I had started training. On December 3, I played my first match. It felt good."

Scoring for his country this week also felt good, not simply because it was the winning goal, but because, having come on as a substitute, Vlaovic had made his mark. "Like every young, ambitious player, I want to be part of the first team," he said. "I want to progress. I have to."

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Playing a side suit before drawing trumps is a common way of dealing with a bad trump break. This hand is an example.

Dealer North	Game all	Teams
♠ A 4 3 ♥ J 7 4 ♦ 10 7 3 ♣ K Q 10 ♠ K J 10 8 ♥ A K 10 3 2 ♦ Q 9 2 ♣ 7	♠ A 4 3 ♥ J 7 4 ♦ 10 7 3 ♣ K Q 10 ♠ K J 10 8 ♥ A K 10 3 2 ♦ Q 9 2 ♣ 7	♠ Q ♥ Q 9 8 5 5 ♦ 8 5 4 ♣ 6 5 4 2
W	N	E
1♥ Pass	2♥ Pass	3♥ Pass
4♥ Pass	4♥ Pass	4♥ Pass

Contract: Four Spades by South. Lead: ace of hearts

The contract was the same at both tables. North's Two Hearts showed a maximum pass with no other good constructive bid. East would have done better to raise his partner's hearts rather than double.

Both declarers ruffed the lead of the ace of hearts and ducked a round of trumps to East's queen. A heart came back but, after this had been trumped, the play diverged. One South cashed the ace of spades, hoping for a 3-2 trump break, but now the roof fell in. West soon gained the lead, drew the last trumps, and cashed the rest of his hearts. The other South found a

neat safety play. After ruffing the second heart lead he simply started playing on clubs, leaving three trumps at large. As soon as a club was ruffed, he trumped the heart continuation, cashed the ace of trumps, and continued clubs. Now he was in control — with a trump left in each hand, there was no need to try a diamond finesse and his only losers were the three trumps. Notice that it would not have mattered if the trumps were three-two — declarer comes down to the same ending.

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SEICHE
a. A Swiss-Austrian
b. A tidal wave
c. A German goblin

SIGILLARY
a. Combustible
b. An arrow store
c. To do with seals

SCORDIUM
a. A brothel
b. An antidote
c. The Senate at Corinth
SMAIK
a. A Northumberland herring
b. To boast
c. A job

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KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Chess organiser Michael Basman is to be congratulated on having put together possibly the largest individual children's competition in the world. The giant Rotary Chess Initiative children's chess tournament, which has been running throughout the year, is now approaching its final stages. A total of 22,550 children, from 700 schools, comprised the initial entry.

Although Intel, the original sponsors, dropped out, their place was taken by the Rotary Clubs of Great Britain, who will also be supporting a series of 40-hour simultaneous displays by children on Saturday July 6 at Nottingham University at 2.15pm. Among those giving the displays will be grandmasters Nigel Short and Julian Hodgson, along with Harriet Hunt, Britain's top girl player, Luke McShane, Britain's top junior, and Elvira Sakhaiova.

Speelman wins
The following energetic win by Jon Speelman was played in the final round of the Four Nations League. Speelman's enterprising strategy as Black was instrumental in gaining first place in the overall competition for the Slough team.

White: Graham Buckley
Black: Jon Speelman
Slough v Midland Monarchs
Four Nations League, May 1996

English Defence
1 d4 e6
2 c4 d5
3 g4 Bb7
4 B3 Bb4+

Diagram of final position

a b c d e f g h

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276) at £6.99 plus postage and packing.

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is a variation from the game Shirov — Kamsky, Moscow 1992. Can White, two pieces down, improve upon the simple capture of the black knight on e6?

Solution on page 46

Why England need a dose of Glauber's salts

In the far-off days before football was professional, and long before sports scientists researched the secrets of keeping fit, British sportsmen and their coaches relied heavily on the powers of Glauber's salts. It could well turn out to be the missing ingredient in the unconventional preparations of Terry Venables and his England squad for the European championship.

Britain used to lead the way in coaching lore, and one of the first great books of sporting fitness was *Walker's Manly Exercises*, printed in England in 1856. It came out of a vigorous sporting culture that was accustomed to training men and animals for events as varied as cock-fighting, horse racing and pugilism. This was a world in which trainers plucked their raw material from drinking dens and knocked their men into shape for contests that were fought for huge wagers.

These trainers knew their fortunes depended on the stamina of their charges, which was where the Glauber's salts came in. Before launching their men into prodigious programmes of physical exercise, the coaches would first clean them up using a regime of emetics and induced bouts of heavy sweating.

The training manuals explained that a good dose of salts was needed to fix the livers of sportsmen who habitually spent their leisure hours drinking and carousing. Once the salts had done their work, the athletes were kept well away from the bottle and the dens of temptation. Sports science has come some way since 1856, but the problems of Venables and his crew remain hor-

'The problems for Venables are horribly familiar'

international players, highly-paid professionals, selected to represent their country, who were so unfit and tired that they simply could not take the pace of a 90-minute game. It was a disgrace — and stupidly unnecessary.

There are no great secrets to getting fit these days. There are simple and well-documented routines that the sportsman flouts at his peril. Any competent trainer should be able to get his team to the start in a fit state. Ball skills and an instinctive footballing brain, both of which a player like Paul Gascoigne has in abundance, are gifts that you may be



born with, but fitness can be earned. Once earned, it should not be squandered.

According to the Euro 96 hype, football has come home — but the England squad and their coach contrived to turn home advantage into a handicap. Competing at home should mean that you do not have to travel; you do not have to put up with jet lag, tiring journeys, foreign food, upset stomachs. So how could the England team be so arrogant, so cavalier, so stupid, as to head for China just days before the start of the tournament?

To make matters worse, as the team jetted through time-zones dropping kicking their chances of a peak performance at Wembley, they dehydrated further by taking alcohol with reckless disregard for the simplest rules of sports diet. At least one leading medical expert

has put their pathetic performance down to jet lag. Professor Nick Heather, a consultant clinical psychologist and director of the Centre for Alcohol and Drug Studies, said that the effects of a long flight can last for up to a fortnight and harm physical performance even more than drinking.

Dr Richard Budgett, the medical adviser to the British Olympic Association, said the tradi-

tional British footballing view, that young, fit players can laugh off the odd booing session a few weeks before a tournament, did not take account of the medical facts. "There are four things vital to peak performance," he said. "Hard training, adequate rest, good diet and good hydration."

"Alcohol causes dehydration, which slows the recovery process from training. If you drink heavily it can be very difficult to rehydrate properly. Even two or three pints of beer in an evening is enough to cause problems."

There has been much dreaming in this great summer of sport of emulating the 1966 World Cup triumph. Watching a television replay of that final, however, you see fit young men who could run and keep on running. Alan Ball was still flying well into

extra time. Last Saturday, Sheringham, McManaman and Gascoigne were lucky to make it to half-time, and Venables admitted that when he sent on the substitutes he picked from eight players who "looked very, very tired".

There is something very time-warped about our footballers' attitude to fitness. There was a time, during the early days of *Superstar* contests, when competitors from sports such as golf and motor racing would perform abysmally in tests of all-round fitness. Not any more. Today a Nick Faldo or a Damon Hill takes fitness very seriously. Even as Gascoigne slowed

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GOLF: MASTERS CHAMPION PURSUES SECOND MAJOR TITLE OF THE YEAR

Faldo keeps open mind on chance of grand slam

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN BLOOMFIELD HILLS

HERE in this comfortable suburb of Detroit as many plots exist for the US Open Championship, which starts today, as in several editions of *EastEnders*, but none is strong enough to obscure the three dominant ones. Can Nick Faldo win the second major championship of the year and maintain his challenge for golf's grand slam? How will Greg Norman fare in his first appearance in a major since he collapsed so spectacularly at Augusta? Will anyone tame The Monster, which is what Ben Hogan christened the Oakland Hills course when he won here in 1957?

Answering the second question is easier than the first and third. Norman believes that he played only two bad shots on that fateful afternoon at the Masters two months ago — his second on the 8th and his tee-shot on the 16th. "Two bad swings, that's all," he said. If you believe that about an afternoon in which he started six strokes ahead of Faldo and finished five behind then you

believe the golf ball is square. Yet the very fact that Norman can again and again come out with that sort of explanation and give every appearance of believing it himself tells us a lot about him.

No one loses as gracefully as Norman and no one can turn a negative into a positive the way he can. He does it as easily as he puts backspin on his approach shots. But even Norman's legendary ability to rebound from one setback after another will be tested if he finds himself playing alongside Faldo on Saturday afternoon or, worse for him, on Sunday afternoon.

Faldo is pursuing a dream, so difficult that no one has ever done it, not even Ben Hogan in 1953 when he won the Masters and the Opens of the United States and Britain but then could not return to the US in time to compete at the US PGA. Never mind winning all four, only two men have won the first two major events of the year — Arnold Palmer in 1960 and



Tiger Woods, left, and Nicklaus exchange pointers on the 1st green yesterday

Jack Nicklaus in 1972. This does not stop the questions coming at Faldo as fast as some of the putts on the severely contoured greens here.

"Is it an impossible dream?" is one. "Can it be done?" is another. The pragmatic and analytical side of Faldo makes him answer affirmatively. "It's possible," he said, though the near impossibility of it made him laugh. "All you've got to do is win all four. You have to get everything right, physically, mentally, emotionally, health, all sorts and then you have 150 other guys also trying to compete." His voice trailed off. "If Nicklaus can't do it and Hogan couldn't, I guess that shows you how hard it is. It's fractionally higher than Everest."

"It is very difficult to get your game in top form for four different weeks for four different styles of golf courses, all of which probably don't suit

you," Nicklaus said. "No matter how much ability you have, you have to have a lot of luck."

In Faldo's favour is that this course is so demanding, even when some of its bite has been lessened by rain, and on such a course a player who is as methodical, thoughtful and determined as Faldo is hard to beat. Some professionals might be perturbed by being unable to score under par — only Andy North beat par at the 1965 US Open and that by one stroke — but not Faldo, who won the 1987 Open at Muirfield with a last round of 18 pars. "As the pressure tightens, making pars works," Faldo said. "In those last 18 or nine holes of a major you have got to have all parts of your game working because everything gets tested. It is the tightening of the screw."

Drives always have to be straight at a US Open, though the rain this week has damp-

ened the 25-yard wide fairways and lessened the chances of balls running into the rough. Positioning the second and third shots is important, sometimes the best option being to hit deliberately into the rough on one side of the green. As if that was not enough, then the greens have more undulations than Augusta's, though they are fractionally slower. Montgomerie said they are the most severe greens he has putted on.

The winner should come from a group of five contenders: Phil Mickelson, who has a wonderful short game, Ernie Els, who has the combination of power and touch and, after winning last Sunday by eight strokes, is in form, Colin Montgomerie because he is so straight, a good putter and has finished third and second in the past four US Opens, Faldo and Corey Pavin, the defending champion, who thrives on adversarial conditions.

GUIDE TO OAKLAND HILLS

PAR: 70 TOTAL YARDS: 6,974
OUT: 3,456 (par 35) IN: 3,518 (par 35)



RUGBY UNION

Scotland call on Erikssoon to fill breach

FROM MARK SOUSTER IN DUNEDIN

RONNIE ERIKSSON, the London Scottish centre, is the only new cap in the Scotland side to play New Zealand in the first international here on Saturday. The 24-year-old business student makes his debut because of injuries to Scott Hastings and Graham Shiell. Scotland may send for a replacement, most probably Cameron Glasgow, of Heriot's FP, who has been touring Japan with the Barbarians.

At 6ft 1in and almost 16 stone, Erikssoon certainly has the physical attributes that Scotland will need against New Zealand. Although born in Athlone to an Irish mother and Swedish father, Erikssoon grew up in Scotland and, as a product of Merchiston Castle School in Edinburgh, qualifies

A Wales XV scored six tries but still lost 51-41 to Australia B at Ballymore, Brisbane yesterday. The Welsh, fielding only three of the side that lost 56-25 to Australia last Saturday in the first of two internationals, showed flair in their backs, scoring some fine tries, but could never close the gap on Australia B.

through residence. "When my name was read out I was fairly ecstatic," Erikssoon said. "With only two centres left standing, if I hadn't been picked I might have been a bit upset. Working myself up for the game isn't going to be a problem, it's going to be calming myself down, but I'm sure the other guys will help."

Gary Armstrong is the selectors' choice at scrum half and plays his first game for Scotland since 1994, and his fourth against the All Blacks, after a spate of injuries. Kenny Logan regains the left wing position he lost in the five nations' championship this year, after returning to his best form in New Zealand where he has scored four tries.

The back division has a logical look to it given the All Black challenge, although the selectors did consider playing Craig Chalmers at stand-off half and switching Townsend to outside centre.

SCOTLAND: R Shephard (Melrose); G John (Lancaster); R Erikssoon (London Scottish); J Jenkin (Glasgow); K Logan (Glasgow); G Townsend (Northampton); G Armstrong (Newcastle); P Hogg (Glasgow); K McKenzie (Glasgow); P Wright (Boroughmuir); R Wainwright (Watsonians); D Griffin (Glasgow); G West (Newcastle); I Smith (Glasgow); E Peters (Edinburgh); R Macpherson; A Slinger (Newcastle); C Chalmers (Edinburgh); A Hogg (Edinburgh); S Murray (Edinburgh); A Macdonald; T Smith (Watsonians); G Ellis (Curie)

RADIO CHOICE

Emerald Isle cliffhanger

Firefly Summer. Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am.

Dissimilar in all other respects, Jane Cassidy's six-part dramatisation of Maeve Binch's novel has one pivotal thing in common with John Ford's 1952 film *The Quiet Man*. Its central character is an Irish-American who returns to his ancestral soil in the Emerald Isle and creates all kinds of chaos. Binch's catalyst is played by David Soul, the Hunch of Staryk and Hutch, the American television series. This shrewd piece of casting should boost the audience for *Firefly Summer*, while giving the serial the dynamic edge that it sometimes needs. Episode two ends on the kind of cliffhanging note I long ago gave up all hope of ever hearing on radio again.

BBC Singers at the Spitalfields Festival. Radio 3, 3.00pm.

This concert, recorded last week at Christ Church in the City of London, marks the 25th anniversary of the death of David Munrow, devoted exponent of early music. *The Pied Piper*, a portrait of Munrow and the Early Music Consort that he formed, follows at 4.30pm. *Pied Piper* was, of course, the title of those unforgettable radio broadcasts that Munrow made in the 1970s. The BBC Singers concert includes a tribute to him. It is Gordon Cross's *Verses In Memoriam David Munrow*. There is also a first performance, Martin Butler's *Back to Ground*. A live all-Bach concert from Christ Church is on Radio 3 tomorrow at 7.30pm.

Peter Daville

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 6.30am Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Les Anson, incl at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, incl 5.30-5.45pm News 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Soundbite 10.00 Mark Radcliffe, with Lorlock in session 12.00 Claire Scurges 4.00am Clive Warren

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Dennis Tutchy 1.30pm Debbie Thorne 3.00 Alex Lester 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The Jasper Carrott Trio, with Emu Reel and Jan Ravens 7.30 David Ash with the best in country music 9.00 Paul Jones (Music Live on Tour) 9.45 Gospel Train (Music Live on Tour) 10.30 The Jamieson 12.05am Sue McGarry 3.00 Steve Madden

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme incl 6.55, 7.55 Racing preview 8.35 The Magazine incl 10.25 Euronews 11.30 Health News 12.00 Midday with Mairi incl Moneycheck with Katie Darham 2.05 Ruscoe on Five incl at 3.45 Entertainment News 4.05 Euro 96 Bulgaria v Romania 6.30 News Extra with Valerie Sanderson, incl at 6.50 Sports Bulletin 7.05 Euro 96: Switzerland v Holland 9.25 American Griffin, with Jonathan Freedland 10.05 News Talk, with Paul Reynolds 11.05 Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson 12.05am After Hours — Early Call, with Vincent Hanna 2.05 Up All Night, with Richard Daltyn

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Reebum 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Dinkley 7.00 Sport 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Newsday 5.30 Europe Today 6.00 Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 World Today 7.30 Sports International 8.00 News 8.15 Words of Faith 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Network UK 9.00 News in German 9.15 Composer of the Month 9.45 Health Matters 10.00 News 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Sports International 10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsday 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off the Shelf 12.00 World News 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 News in German 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Appointment 2.00 Newsday 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack 4.00 News 4.05 Sport 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.10 World Today 6.25 Take Five 6.30 News in German 6.45 Sport 7.00 Newsday 7.30 Appointment 8.00 Newsday 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Outlook 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 John Peel 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Meridian (Boots) 11.00 Newsday 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.00 News 12.05am Take Five 12.15 Going South 12.30 Blues World 1.00 Newsday 1.30 Good Books 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsday 2.30 Outlook 2.55 Words of Faith 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Thirty-Minute Drama 4.00 News 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Mike Read 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Concerto 3.00 Jamie Cull 6.00 Classic: Newerth 6.30 Sonata 7.00 Travel Guide 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Nick Bailey 1.00am Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horn 7.20 Paul Copley 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Taverner (Ex alius hunc); Delius (in a Hall at the Aldeburgh Festival). 9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Handel (Cantata: Carco sempre di gloria); Franck (Symphonic Variations). 10.00 Musical Encounters. Artists of the Week: Czech Philharmonic. Under Libor Pesek. Dvorak (The Wood Dove) 10.21 Janacek (At an Overgrown Path, excerpts); Suk (String Quartet No 1 in B flat) 11.25 Janacek (Cantata: Amarus). 12.00 Composer of the Week: Weber. 1.00pm Performers of the Week. Richard Langham presents highlights from operas by Saint-Saëns, Debussy, Ravel and Felix David (2/3). 2.00 Schools Radio Showcase 2.05 in the News 2.25 Something to Think About 2.40 Music Workshop 3.00 The BBC Singers at the Spitalfields Festival. See Choice. 4.30 The Pied Piper. A portrait of David Munrow and his Early Music Consort

5.00 The Music Machine 5.15 In Tune. Live from the Jubilee Hall at the Aldeburgh Festival. Rossini (La Regina Veneziana); Mozart (Symphony No 29 in A, K521); Wilbye (Adieu, sweet Annabelle). 7.30 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Martyn Brabbins. With Robert Cohen, cello. Britten (Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge); Schumann (Cello Concerto in A minor); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 3 in A minor). 9.10 Are You Still Awake? With Judi Dench and Michael Williams (4/5) (1). 9.25 Beethoven (String Quartet in A, Op 18 No 5) (1). 10.00 Music Restored. Muzi Meyerson, harpsichord; Francis Couperin (Suite in G, Premier Ordre); J.C.F. Fischer (Suite in D, Polymnia); Fux (Psalms for minor). 10.45 Night Waves 11.30 Composers of the Week: Britten, Brubner and Bruckner (1). 12.00am Jazz Notes 1.00 Through the Night

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing incl Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today and 7.25, 8.25 Sport, 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.02 Face the Facts, with John Wain (1) 9.30 The Road to Repair (2/4) 10.00 News: Firefly Summer (FM only). See Choice (2/3) 10.05 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 This Sceptre's Isle (LW only) 10.30 Woman's Hour 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent 12.00 News: You and Yours, with Chris Rea 12.25pm Inspiration 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (1) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News: With a Little Help from My Friends. Frances McKinnell's play tells the story of Brian Epstein during the hectic, turbulent years of his relationship with the Beatles 3.00 News: The Afternoon Show 4.05 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope 4.45 Short Story: Telling at

Windmills, by Jacinta Bell. Read by Andy Rivers 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 50s O'Clock News 6.30 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? (2/6) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Bloody Students. A three-part series looking back at the redbrick undergraduate life over the last 50 years 8.00 Analysis. Ngare Woods examines the cases both for and against European enlargement 8.45 From Their Own Correspondent (4/5) 9.00 Does He Take Sugar? 9.30 Kaleidoscope (1) 9.59 10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Craven House (4/5) 11.00 Disappearance. Acts. Terry McMillan's novel dramatised by Bonnie Greer (1/4) 11.30 At Lib (FM only) (1) 11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only) 12.00 News incl 12.27am Weather 12.30 The Late Book: 56th Night (4/10) 12.45 Shipping 1.00 As World Service

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Martin's slow-motion finish dashes Yorkshire's cup hopes

Lancashire have the final say

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire beat Yorkshire by one wicket

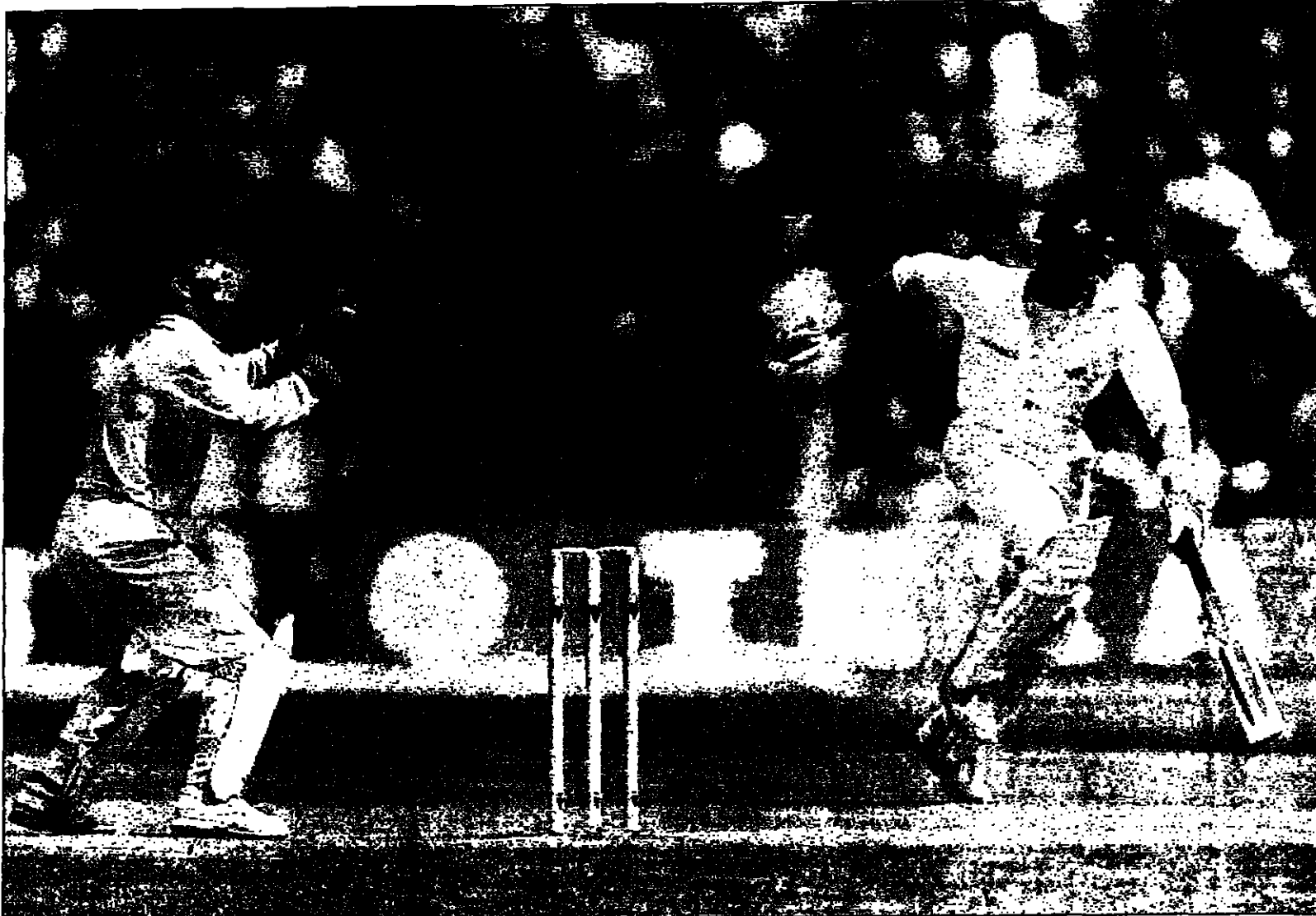
SINCE the first Gillette Cup tie was played at Old Trafford in 1963, Lancashire have been involved in more remarkable one-day games than any other side. The list of extraordinary finishes has now expanded by one.

They beat Yorkshire by a single wicket off the last ball of this Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final when Peter Martin squeezed the ball to the cover boundary and, despite looking as though he was running into a gale, completed a second, decisive run.

There was a symmetry of sorts in that closing passage of play. Martin, a Lancastrian, grew up in Yorkshire. Vaughan, the fielder whose throw could not prevent him winning the match, is a Yorkshireman who was born in Lancashire.

It was a wonderful game, and Yorkshire played their part nobly. In Bevan they have a champion batsman who played quite superbly on the first day, when the conditions were at their worst. Gough bowled with fire and skill, and a tally of four run outs testifies to the quality of their fielding. They did everything they could have done to win the match, except actually win it. No wonder they felt robbed.

The chief highwayman was Warren Hegg, the 28-year-old Lancashire wicketkeeper, who made 81 from 62 balls. Hegg played an important innings when Lancashire won a Benson and Hedges semi-final at Worcester in equally improbable circumstances last year, and it was his fierce hitting in the last ten overs that enabled the holders to reach their fifth final of this competition in the past seven seasons.



Martin, right, makes laboured progress towards a second run off the last ball of the match to secure a dramatic victory for Lancashire

With seven overs to go, Lancashire needed 74. Gough had returned to good effect, taking Austin's wicket, and Stemp had one more over to bowl. Hegg and Yates decided to get after the left-arm spinner and hit him for 18, including a straight six by Hegg. Yates and another by Hegg,

who was on 42 at the time, that Martin had three balls to score two runs. He swished at the first two without making contact and got enough bat on the last one to make Vaughan run 30 yards to his left from his position at deep cover. Chapple made two comfortably but Martin, who is not

exactly Valeri Borzov, ambled them as if in slow motion. Hegg, who won the man-of-the-match award ahead of Bevan, denied that Lancashire had ever given the game up as lost but admitted that "it's always in the back of your mind when you're losing wickets".

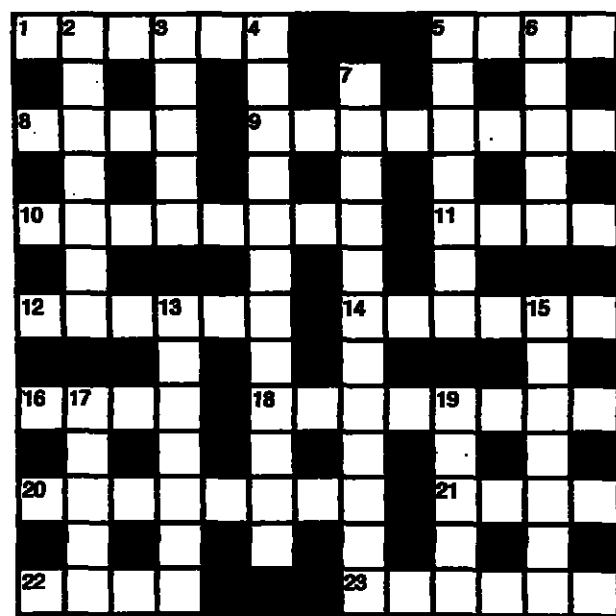
Atherton had gone to a smart slip catch in Gough's first over. Watkinson to Bevan's direct hit from gully and Elworthy to a catch at square leg — all inside the first 15 overs. After Speak and Lloyd went, they needed 154 at seven an over. Fairbrother was never able to attack and his departure, to White's left-footed "shot" at the stumps, left Lancashire 90 short and only ten overs to get them.

They got them... just! How galling that was for Bevan and Blakey, who took their sixth-wicket stand to an unbeaten 167, a competition record, in the four overs Yorkshire had left in the morning. They played superbly in a losing cause and their only possible consolation is that, on this ground, they are not the first to do so and will certainly not be the last.

Walton's aim is true, page 43

OLD TRAFFORD SCOREBOARD

YORKSHIRE		LANCASHIRE	
M D Mason	c Hegg b Martin	M A Atherton	c Byrns b Gough
M P Vaughan	c Hegg b Martin	M A Atherton	c Byrns b Gough
M G Bevan	not out	M A Atherton	c Byrns b Gough
A McGrath	c Hegg b Elworthy	M A Atherton	c Byrns b Gough
A White	c Hegg b Watkinson	M A Atherton	c Byrns b Gough
T R A Bailey	not out	M A Atherton	c Byrns b Gough
Score at 15 Overs: 47-1		M A Atherton	c Byrns b Gough
D Gough	P J Hartley, C E W Silverwood	M A Atherton	c Byrns b Gough
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-68, 3-77, 4-78, 5-83		M A Atherton	c Byrns b Gough
BOWLING: Austin 10-0-54-0; Martin 10-0-62-1; Chapple 10-0-46-1; Elworthy 10-0-32-1; Watkinson 10-1-30-2		M A Atherton	c Byrns b Gough
LANCASHIRE		YORKSHIRE	
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Cotton starts with a roar for Lions



Cotton: former Lions player, now manager

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

FRAN COTTON has called on British rugby to give the British Isles and Ireland touring team to South Africa next year every support in its preparations. "The prize to be won by beating South Africa is worth more to northern-hemisphere rugby than any league trophy or cup final," he said in London yesterday.

Cotton, 48, the former Sale and England prop, was confirmed yesterday as tour manager of the Lions ahead of Bill Beaumont, his former England colleague, and Duncan Paterson, of Scotland. It is a shrewd selection of a man who played 31 times for his

country — and was, arguably, the best player in his position that England has produced. He made three Lions tours, in 1974, 1977 and 1980.

But Cotton, forced to retire through ill-health in 1981, has stayed in touch with the modern game, in commercial and playing terms. His company, Cotton Traders, has clothed a number of national teams and he has coached, selected and managed club and divisional teams.

His nomination came from Ireland whose president, Syd Millar, coached the 1974 Lions (the first, and only British team to win a series in South Africa) and managed the 1980 Lions in the republic. Millar knows Cotton's respect for

rugby's traditions, even though the 13-match tour, which begins on May 24 next year and includes three internationals, will be the first of the professional Lions.

"We are incredibly parochial in Britain," Cotton said. "At some stage the five nations will start talking about more positive things than TV deals — about the structure of the game in Europe, for example." Cotton is concerned that projected playing schedules of more than 40 club matches next season, on top of representative games, will leave potential Lions exhausted. "People have to realise how tough it will be and the standing a Lions tour has in the game," he said.

Measure of support for moderation

Medical and nutritional experts yesterday supported Terry Venables's decision to allow the England team to drink moderately after the match against Switzerland on Saturday.

As the furore continued over whether professional athletes should relax with alcohol during an important tournament, it was argued that moderate amounts of weak beer were better for rehydrating players than wine, which is regularly drunk by Italian and Spanish teams with their meals.

Venables, the England coach, said of the three players — Teddy Sheringham, Jamie Redknapp and Sol Campbell — who had been drinking in a disco in Ilford on Saturday night: "If they are going to relax, let them relax, as long as they haven't upset anybody, which they haven't. I can't see the point of saying you can have a night off but you must stay in your house." Venables pointed out that some continental players drank wine every day, but that England had a strict no-drinking rule when they were together in the team hotel.

Ron Maughan, professor of human physiology at Aberdeen University medi-

Which affects a footballer's performance most — beer or wine? John Goodbody on the medical evidence

cal school, said: "I have a great deal of sympathy with Terry Venables. The harmful effects of alcohol, in moderation, to an athlete's performance do not exist in a situation when the next game is a week away. In fact, a total prohibition would be more harmful. It would disrupt a player's lifestyle and encourage them to be dishonest by drinking without being seen."

Professor Maughan, who is advising the Great Britain Olympic team in its preparation for Atlanta, said that he had done tests on the effects of beers, like bitter and ordinary lager. "Beer is not a diuretic and can help the rehydration process," he said. "I would not be unhappy with the players having a couple of beers." In sports in which one could measure performances, such as athletics, there was "no evidence" that

teetotalers performed better than heavy drinkers. The important thing for any player after a match was to rehydrate and also replace glycogen stores with food.

Professor Maughan also said that 11 months of under enormous pressure players will be finishing the European championship and then he back at their club for pre-season training a couple of weeks later," he said.

His views were supported by Dr Steve Wootton, of Southampton University, the author of *Nutrition for Sport*. He said that most beers were better than wine, which is more likely to have a diuretic effect and usually has a higher alcohol content. Most beers have an alcohol content of 3 to 5 per cent, while wine is usually 10 to 12 per cent.

He said: "The important thing is moderation. If the players had been training the following day and had been drinking a large amount the night before that session, then the effects of the alcohol would have persisted. It would have impaired their reaction times and greatly increased the risk of injury."

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Spencer may be missing link in Scotland's quest for goals

BY KEVIN MCCARRA AND OLIVER HOLT

JOHN SPENCER is likely to feature in the Scotland team to face England in the European championship at Wembley on Saturday, as Craig Brown, the manager, seeks a cure for goal deficiency. In 1996 his team has played three friendlies as well as Monday's draw with Holland and scored only once. Brown recognises that he cannot continue to rely on his defence to gather points.

Against the Dutch, Spencer, the Chelsea forward, appeared as a substitute for Booth at half-time. While he could not galvanise his side in attack, he did look capable of taking possession on the fringes of the penalty area and playing probing passes. The deep-lying role is one in which he has become well-versed at Stamford Bridge.

Despite the effectiveness of McAllister and Collins in midfield, Scotland still lack the capacity to play the final ball that sets a forward free. Spencer, as Durie's partner in attack, might be capable of adding that necessary link.

The Chelsea forward has never scored for Scotland, but Brown is unperturbed, recognising that Spencer can justify selection with play-making skills. Spencer said: "I might be worried if I was approaching the game without having scored at all, but I got 14 goals in 31 starts for Chelsea in the Premiership last season."

Spencer notes, in any case, that international sides are rarely prolific. "So far," he said, "we have only seen two teams, Germany and Italy, who have been able to score twice in a match."

He articulates the passionate desire for even a slender victory on Saturday. Spencer observed that England are "under pressure, big-time" before adding, "they are so arrogant, they still think they are the best in the world."

Brown, on the other hand, offered a ringing endorsement of the much-criticised Paul Gascoigne. "He has the strength to commit midfield players and defenders," he said, "and he has tremendous vision."

"I think the claims that he is not fit for 90 minutes are inaccurate. He is widely considered the best player in the England squad and he is

certainly the most talented. Most of the countries in the European championship would be glad to have him."

Brown, however, added that watching Gascoigne's whole season with Rangers had helped him decide how best to stop him. The Scotland manager may be more concerned by the likely attitude of the England side on Saturday. "Terry Venables [the England coach]," he said, "will use all the criticism to motivate his team. They will be highly charged."

One of Venables's chances of changing the side that failed to impress in the 1-1 draw with Switzerland seemed to have disappeared yesterday when it was revealed that David Platt



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had aggravated an injury in training on Tuesday.

Platt, the designated England captain, came on as substitute against the Swiss and would probably have been restored to the starting line-up as part of Venables's preferred five-man midfield. Tony Adams, who was captain in his absence, could have been the player to drop out.

Platt, however, took no part in the morning training session yesterday, which was held behind closed doors. The injury is thought to be a muscle pull near his ribs and team officials were pessimistic about his chances of being fit for the game with Scotland.

Darren Anderton also sat out training with a slight hamstring problem but he is likely to be fit and to retain his place, although Steve Stone is pushing both him and Steve McNamara for a place in the starting line-up.

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China sees off Greenpeace protesters

FROM FIONA HOLLAND
ON BOARD
MV GREENPEACE

CHINESE border forces forced Greenpeace out of Chinese waters yesterday when they took control of MV Greenpeace after it had sailed six miles into the exclusion zone.

The long awaited finale of Greenpeace's anti-nuclear protest against China ended yesterday, 55 miles from the port of Shanghai when their ship was boarded by Communist officials. This was Greenpeace's first maritime campaign in China and would be their last against nuclear testing worldwide, according to Thilo Bode, its executive director. This is based on the assumption that negotiators in Geneva will agree on a global test ban by June 28.

Two Chinese Navy gunboats and six coastguard vessels blockaded Greenpeace's converted tugboat, which dropped anchor yesterday at noon inside Chinese waters, after a request for a pilot was refused.

The 32 crew, campaigners, press and observers watched as two coastguard vessels rapidly swept alongside the MV Greenpeace and 40 military and 30 Shanghai port officials, armed only with cameras and videos, swarmed aboard.

Uniformed officials from



Ulf Birgander, captain of the MV Greenpeace, faces Chinese officials after they boarded his vessel inside territorial waters yesterday

the Shanghai Harbour Superintendency Administration and military from the Shanghai Frontier Defence Station, muscled their way into the

captain's office to read a prepared statement translated into English.

A statement signed by Superintendent Wang Zhiyi

said: "In view of the fact that your act is a violation of the law and regulations of China, I now order your vessel to leave waters under the jurisdic-

tion of Shanghai harbour without any delay."

As the MV Greenpeace sailed out of Chinese waters and headed for Hong Kong,

the Chinese authorities radioed a final message: "Keep out of our territorial waters, watch out for fishing gear, and bon voyage."

Rao underpins coalition to end turmoil in Delhi

FROM COOMI KAPOOR IN DELHI

THE Government of H.D. Deve Gowda, India's new Prime Minister, yesterday won a vote of confidence in parliament, ending six weeks of political turmoil.

The 13-party United Front coalition which Mr Gowda heads survived thanks to the support of about 140 MPs from the Congress Party.

Speaking at the end of a two-day debate on the confidence vote, which was broadcast live on television, Mr Gowda said that the mandate of the people was for a coalition and he was confident that his Government would survive its full five-year term.

Congress, he insisted, had made no preconditions for its support. The centre-left coalition has 190 MPs, while the opposition Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party has 195. A short-lived BJP government headed by Atal Bihari Vajpayee resigned on May 28 when it became clear it could not muster enough support to win a confidence vote.

Referring to criticism that he was not conversant with the national language, Hindi, and was a state politician rather than a national leader, Mr

Gowda said he was a farmer's son and his priority was not building a temple but meeting the basic necessities of the people, such as drinking water, education, health care and housing.

P.V. Narasimha Rao, the Congress leader and former Prime Minister, said that defending India's secular principles against the BJP, which exploited religious sentiment, was a unifying factor with the Government.

Mr Vajpayee said the mandate of the people had been negated by Congress's support for the coalition. The Government would have to soft-pedal on corruption cases against the Congress leaders if it wanted to survive, he added.

Although Mr Gowda has won this first trial of strength, concerns persist over the long-term survival of his coalition. On Tuesday the Central Bureau of Investigation filed a preliminary report against Mr Rao and several of his former ministerial colleagues, alleging that they were party to a criminal conspiracy to bribe four MPs from a regional party in Bihar.

Australian helicopter crash kills 17 troops

BY ROGER MAYNARD
IN SYDNEY
AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

SEVENTEEN Australian soldiers were killed last night and 11 were injured after two army helicopters crashed during a night-time training exercise over the northern Queensland coast.

The American Sikorsky Black Hawk helicopters collided and burst into flames during anti-terrorist manoeuvres over hills 43 miles northwest of Townsville, which has one of Australia's largest military bases.

Most of the casualties were from Australia's SAS unit, which is modelled on Britain's Special Air Service. They were believed to have been practising counter-terrorism techniques, including the rescue of hostages, for their role in the 2000 Olympics, which are to be held in Sydney.

Each helicopter was carrying ten soldiers and four aircrew. Army helicopters transferred the injured to hospital in Townsville.

The crash happened as men from the Perth-based force abseiled out of the helicopters from a height of 115ft. The collision, which occurred in the early evening in fine weather, appeared to be the result of pilot error.

Brigadier Adrian D'Hage, an army spokesman, said that the two helicopters got too close. "They collided mid-air and both helicopters burst into flames. We understand there were six dead on impact."

The police said that two of the injured were critically ill and one was seriously ill. The rest were in a satisfactory condition.

Defence chiefs ordered an inquiry: the incident was one of Australia's worst peacetime military disasters.

Members of the Australian SAS usually operate in patrols of six. They are trained in free-fall parachuting and amphibious and submarine-based operations. They often train with live ammunition.

Brownwyn Bishop, the Minister for Defence Personnel, promised a rigorous inquiry. "It is dreadful," she said. "You can replace helicopters but you cannot replace the lives of fine young soldiers."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Iraqi bar on arms team criticised

London: Britain and the United States criticised Iraq's refusal to allow United Nations weapons inspectors into a Republican Guard site and said the action would harden international determination to maintain sanctions (Michael Binyon writes).

Washington said Iraq's refusal to comply with its obligations ensured that it would be a "long, long time" before America voted to lift sanctions: the Foreign Office called on the Security Council to respond quickly and firmly.

Dhaka votes

Dhaka: Bangladeshis voted in large numbers in the second general election in four months, but it was marred by violence in which at least three people were killed. A turnout of 70 per cent is expected. (Reuters)

Pakistani deaths

Hyderabad: At least 21 people died and 25 were injured when a building housing 150 people collapsed in this southern Pakistani city. Most of the victims were women and children; most men were sleeping in the street because of the heat. (Reuters)

Sweet and sour

Shanghai: A Canton court fined a company 100 million yuan (£13.3 million) and jailed an official for smuggling 325,000 tonnes of sugar - China's worst case of smuggling since the Communists took power in 1949. (AFP)

Bahrain arrests

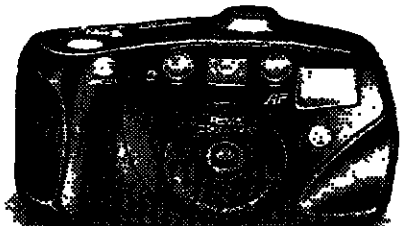
Manama, Bahrain: A businessman and seven accomplices have been arrested for allegedly smuggling arms in an Iranian plot to topple Bahrain's ruling family, the Government-controlled Gulf Daily News reported. (AP)

Jump start

Sydney: Elders of an Outback Aboriginal community in New South Wales are seeking government permission to set up a high-fenced ranch to breed kangaroos for meat to sell on the world market. (AP)

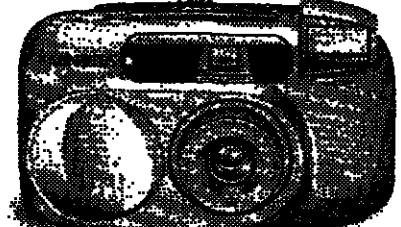


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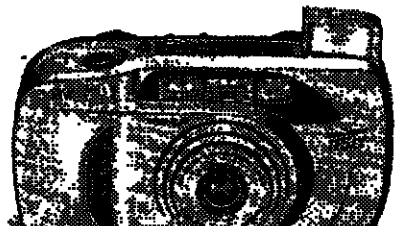
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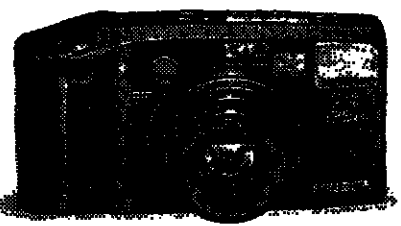
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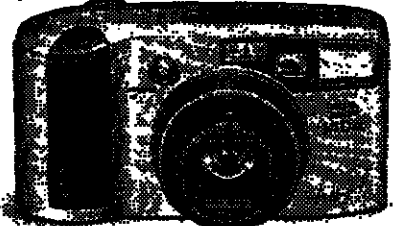
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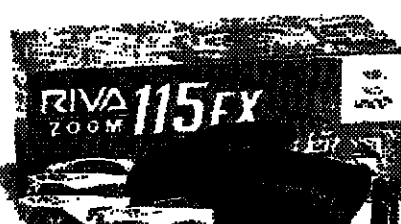
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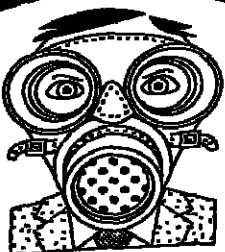
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FBI files scandal engulfs Clinton

By TOM RHODES

THE steady drip of scandal continued to filter through the Clinton presidency yesterday after it was disclosed that the White House specifically requested a fraud specialist to obtain improperly 338 confidential FBI files on senior Republicans.

Anthony Marceca, an army civilian investigator, was assigned to the White House personnel office between August 1993 and February 1994 where he proceeded to demand FBI dossiers on those who had worked for both the Reagan and Bush offices.

These included background checks on James Baker, the former Secretary of State, Marlin Fitzwater, the former White House spokesman, and Tony Blankley, a senior Reagan official who is now press secretary to Newt Gingrich, the Republican House Speaker.

Described by Bob Dole, the Republican presidential nominee, as a list of enemies, "Filegate" is provoking immediate comparison to the shady antics of President Nixon during Watergate.

The demand for files emerged last week after Republicans on Capitol Hill revealed the White House had sought details on Billy Dale, the director of its Travel Office, seven months after he was dismissed. It later became clear that Mr Dale was just one of 338 people involved in the investigation and the White House, which has changed its story at least five times since, said its officials had made an "honest, bureaucratic mistake".

The Administration failed yesterday, however, to explain why Mr Marceca had been seconded to the White House. For the last eight years, he has worked at the Washington Metropolitan Fraud Field Office, where he is said to have specialised in discovering unsavoury details about those in the army.

Thurmond win crowns career as eldest US statesman

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

STROM THURMOND, the idiosyncratic eldest statesman of American politics, demolished any Republican opposition to his eighth term on Capitol Hill yesterday and firmly set his sights on becoming the first centenarian to hold a seat in Congress.

Born 37 years after the Civil War and elected Governor of South Carolina when President Clinton was still in nappies, Mr Thurmond, 93, easily defeated his rival, Harold Worley, in the state's Republican primary for the Senate.

In the Virginia primary, John Warner, a senator and former husband of Elizabeth Taylor, routed Jim Miller, Ronald Reagan's former budget director, in a victory seen as a vindication of moderate Republican values.

The South Carolina result is likely to send shockwaves through a Democratic Party which had assumed that Mr Thurmond's age would tell against him. After gaining at least 65 per cent of the vote he said: "The voters have sent me a message that it is my experience and ability to represent the people of South Carolina that truly counts."

Mr Thurmond became the oldest member yet to serve in Congress earlier this year and,

if he succeeds in November against Elliott Lurie, the Democratic candidate, he will assume the mantle of America's longest-serving senator.

Many in Washington had said he was out of touch and had long ago lost his political acumen. Some Republicans believed he would be vulnerable in the November election after a poll taken last December showed 59 per cent of South Carolina voters believed he should retire.

Mr Worley spent \$600,000 (£90,000) on television advertising in the final stages of the campaign to emphasise the age of his opponent, including one which questioned whether voters would let a 93-year-old surgeon operate on them.

For years Mr Thurmond's constituents have heard stories about his health habits, his orange hair implants and, most famously, his penchant for marrying beauty queens. The first was young enough to be his daughter, the second was 44 years his junior.

The four Thurmond children were born when the senator was aged between 69 and 74. He never drinks or smokes, swims at least once a week, dismisses past fainting spells and staunchly refuses to wear his hearing aid.

These quirks helped to shape the legend of a man who has been both a Democrat and a Republican, a fierce segregationist who became the first southern senator to employ black staff.

In the Virginia primary, Mr Warner beat his opponent by a ratio of nearly two votes to one in a result that appeared to undermine the more radical conservative wing of the Republican party.

□ **Dole successor:** Trent Lott, 54, of Mississippi, a staunch conservative, was elected Senate majority leader to succeed Bob Dole yesterday.



Thurmond: "Ability and experience that counts"



Najee Mtume, a Black Panther, inspects the New Light House of Prayer church in Greenville, Texas, which was destroyed by arsonists on Sunday. President Clinton has pledged to stop attacks on black American churches

Schoolgirls put courts to test in legal battle for top of the class

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

TWO New York schoolgirls went to court in a dispute over which of them was top of the class. The teenage squabble reached the highest court in the state, involving lawyers, appeals, recriminations and substantial legal fees.

In an extreme example of American litigation lunacy, Paige Goodman, 18, took up legal cudgels against her classmate, Lisa Camilleri. Last autumn Miss Camilleri was summoned to see the headmaster, Harris Sarney, and told that, on account of her excellent marks over six terms, she would be the graduating year's "valedictorian".

The honorific bestowed on the top of the class.

During the Christmas term, however, Miss Camilleri rested on her laurels. Her academic performance was surpassed by the feisty Miss Goodman, who by April had a grade point average (a measure of her work in all subjects) of 95.67. Miss Camilleri's average was a sliver lower, at 95.62. Mr Sarney called in both girls and told them that Miss Goodman would now be valedictorian.

After time for reflection, Miss Camilleri and her parents protested, arguing that Mr Sarney had changed the

normal rules for these issues. They received support from a stalwart of the parent-teacher association. Mr Sarney, his study fast losing its air of scholarly calm, duly announced that the girls should be co-valedictorians.

The Goodman camp, on hearing this, decided to sue.

On Monday the New York Supreme Court found in favour of Miss Goodman, who expressed satisfaction. Tuesday found her less happy, after an appeal from the New York schools chancellor and the board of education. The appeals judge ruled that the girls should both receive valedictorian medals. "I feel like I've been slapped in the face," said a distressed Miss Goodman, whose parents spent more than \$3,000 (£1,900) on lawyers.

When the medals were awarded in front of 600 pupils on Tuesday there was partisan applause for the two girls, although neutrals said that support for the shy, bookish Miss Camilleri was louder.

The girls themselves, who have both secured good university places, have yet to decide on careers but Miss Goodman, in particular, may have the makings of a first-class lawyer.

Ecstatic President plays the round of his life

By TOM RHODES

DWIGHT EISENHOWER and John Kennedy were crazy about the game. Richard Nixon became gooey through sheer determination and Woodrow Wilson played up to six times a week.

By comparison, President Clinton's golf is merely run of the mill. However, his ability to find a course at any time of the day or night and to avoid even the most urgent international incidents on the links finally paid off this week when he shot an admirable five-over-par 79 at the Coronado Island municipal golf course outside San Diego.

"I was hot. I was smoking 'em. I was having a good time," said the President, who had achieved his long-held ambition of breaking 80 before his fiftieth birthday. He added: "Even a blind pig finds an acorn sometimes."

Those travelling with him on board Air Force One said Mr Clinton was bouncing off the bulkhead as he bragged about the game in which he had one double bogey, five bogeys and 12 pars. The eighteenth hole must have been a birdie, but the President is notoriously unreliable when it comes to scoring and has been known in the past to take regular mulligans without informing his opponents.

This time, however, he said the round had been completed with "no freebies, no second drives, no nothin'".

His fierce love of golf may provide a clue to Mr Clinton's future should he lose the November election. Asked this year what the First Family might consider in the afterlife, Hillary Clinton replied that she would like to become an author. "As for Bill, there's so many things he could do. But I think if he had his choice, he'd join the senior golf tour. He loves the game," she replied without a twinkle.



Clinton: "blind pig who found his acorn"

Judges bar policing of Internet

Washington: A special panel of American judges yesterday made a ground-breaking ruling to obstruct any constitutional attempt to police the Internet and prohibit indecency on computer networks (Tom Rhodes writes).

The three judges issued a

preliminary injunction blocking parts of the Communications Decency Act which prohibit any computerised distribution to minors of offensive and indecent material. Signed by Mr Clinton earlier this year, the Bill had been challenged by civil liberties groups and the computer on-

line industry. In passing opinion on a lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union and other groups, Judge Stewart Dalzell said the Internet should be regarded as an endless worldwide conversation. "The Government may not interrupt that conversation."

New York mobsters rounded up

By QUENTIN LETTS

NINETEEN members of America's most feared Mafia family, the Genoveses, have been charged with racketeering, murder, loan-sharking and the manipulation of a historic religious festival.

Federal prosecutors arrested Genovese leaders, consigliere (counsellors) and assorted sidekicks, including Anthony "Tony Waterguns" Pisapia; Nicholas "Nicky the Blood" Frustaci; and James "Little Jimmy" Ida.

Mary Jo White, the US attorney for southern New York, said: "The Genovese family is large, it is lucrative, it is violent and it preys upon legitimate businesses, labour unions and the public."

The family, based in New York's Little Italy, allegedly ran the annual San Gennaro religious festival for its own benefit.

"One of the most celebrated events of the feast is the pinning of money on the statue of San Gennaro through the streets of Little Italy," said Ms White. "But that money lined the pockets of the defendants."

James Kallstrom, the head of the FBI in New York, said: "They used the facade of a religious festival to mask the object of their true devotion — the almighty dollar."



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How key personalities will vote in the great test of democracy



Sergei Kovalyov, 65, human rights campaigner. Voting for: Grigori Yavlinsky. "Yeltsin could not tear himself away from the party bureaucrats. But Yavlinsky is strongly tied to a circle of liberal intellectuals. I can be confident Yavlinsky will fulfil his duty to these people."

Patriarch Aleksii II, 67, leader of the Russian Orthodox Church. Voting for: Boris Yeltsin. "Today in this fateful time for Russia, President Yeltsin has played a great role in uniting the people. If the old regime comes back to power, the country will suffer new tremors."

Maya Plisetskaya, 70, ballerina. Voting for: Boris Yeltsin. "I will vote for Boris Yeltsin. We cannot allow a repetition of a Stalinist, Communist, socialist, or whatever name you call it, regime. People must be allowed to live in peace and the country to develop normally."

Valentin Rasputin, 59, writer. Voting for: Gennadi Zyuganov. "How can we support the [Yeltsin] Party of Power. His regime is barbaric and cruel. There is only one choice, Gennadi Zyuganov."

Yelena Bonner, 73, human rights activist and widow of Andrei Sakharov, the Nobel laureate. Voting for: Grigori Yavlinsky. "I am voting with my conscience. A politician must be moral. This has been forgotten."

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, 77, writer. Voting for: nobody. "Our political parties don't stand for anything... The answer is to strengthen local government. I am on Jesus Christ's side, not the side of any political party. You should not mix Christ and politics."

Katya Polyanskaya, 22, fashion model. Voting for: Mikhail Gorbachev. "He is the only intelligent and honest candidate running for election. He has proved that he has the interest of the country at heart rather than his own selfish motives for seeking power."

George Blake, 73, retired KGB spy. Imprisoned in Wormwood Scrubs for 42 years—one for every agent killed as a result of his treachery. He escaped in 1966 to Moscow where he still lives. Who will he be voting for? No comment.

Rufina Philby, 65, writer and widow of Kim Philby, the KGB spy. Voting for: Boris Yeltsin. "I do not want to go back to the situation we had with the Communists. I am not so fond of Yeltsin. I cannot forgive him [for] Chechnia and the poverty we live in. But it could be worse."

Yeltsin ally puts blame for bomb on Communists

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE threat of a terrorist bombing campaign yesterday overshadowed the closing stages of Russia's presidential race, as candidates accused each other of trying to destabilise the vote with violence.

In the aftermath of Tuesday night's bombing of a metro train, which left four people dead and 12 injured, the authorities said they were drafting in extra security forces to prevent another attack.

"This wild, barbaric act carried out just before [Sunday's] elections is aimed at destabilising the situation in the capital and creating an atmosphere of uncertainty and fear," said President Yeltsin who, in spite of fears for his safety, attended an Independence Day rally in Moscow last night.

"Our best response to extremist actions will be by voting on June 16, voting for

civil peace, for stability and for the future of Russia," he said, reiterating a key theme of his re-election campaign.

Although he only hinted that his political opponents may have had a hand in the attack, Yuri Luzhkov, the popular Mayor of Moscow, accused the Communists outright and said the bombing was linked to an assassination attempt last week on Valeri Shantsev, his deputy.

"The explosion was carried out by those who doubt their success in the elections and want to aggravate the situation in order to cancel voting," the burly city boss and Yeltsin loyalist said. "The terrorist act is backed by the forces which want to bring the country back to 1917, the 1930s, the postwar years, the years of queues, deficit, limited freedom and limited consciousness."

His outburst drew a sharp response from Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader and presidential candidate, who told a gathering of students near Moscow University that President Yeltsin had only himself to blame for the incident. "This is the latest symptom of several years of free-for-all politics," said Mr



Russians on the remote Yamal peninsula, on the shores of the Arctic Ocean and nearly 1,500 miles northeast of Moscow, were among the first to cast their ballots. They were allowed to vote between Monday and tomorrow

Zyuganov, who accused the Yeltsin Government of costing thousands of lives through the war in Chechnia and failing to halt rampant crime. "We demand that the authorities take effective security measures and fight those who commit such atrocities."

While both sides traded accusations, investigators reported that the explosion was caused by 1lb of dynamite concealed beneath a passenger seat and set off by a timer. Although the device was relatively small, it caused heavy casualties when it went off as

the train passed through a tunnel between two stations south of the city centre.

Although this was the bloodiest incident of its kind on the metro for two decades, Moscowites remained largely unperturbed about the threat of a terror campaign.

Ballot-box fraud to play major role in electoral drama

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

IN ITUM-KALE, a mountainous region in the rebel-held part of Chechnia, the Central Electoral Commission recorded a stunning result in the parliamentary elections last December. The turnout was 100 per cent, and of 2,221 voters, 1,206 had voted for Our Home Is Russia, the pro-government party, giving it proportionally more than five times the vote it got in the country as a whole.

The trouble with this statistic is that no one in Itum-Kale voted and not a single Russian soldier has set foot there since the start of the Chechen war in December 1994.

In an increasingly fractious election campaign, supporters of each of the two front-runners have begun to accuse the other of seeking to falsify the vote on Sunday. Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist candidate, has said that he is sending 200,000 monitors out to polling stations to carry out a parallel count of the votes, a move which President Yeltsin's team has called provocative.

Analysts believe that there is scope for rigging anything up to eight million ballots or 10 per cent of the vote on

polling day. "Our electoral regulations look the same as in Stalin's day and large-scale falsifications cannot be excluded," Nikolai Petrov, an analyst with the Carnegie Endowment in Moscow, said.

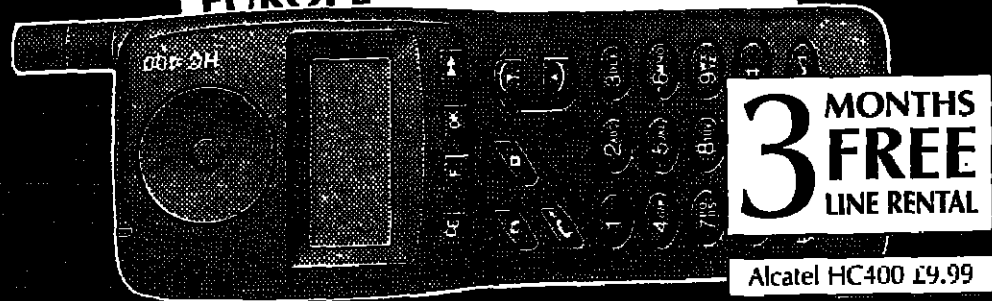
In December 1993 there was a widespread view that the results of the referendum on the constitution were altered. At 1am, only two hours after the last polling station had closed, Vyacheslav Kostikov, Mr Yeltsin's press secretary, declared that the constitution had been approved. A commission later reached the conclusion that the turnout figure, which was only just above the 50 per cent required, had been fixed, but the commission was wound up.

This time, according to Mr Petrov, obvious falsification in favour of Mr Yeltsin can be expected in strongly-controlled autonomous republics, such as Chechnia and Tatarstan. For the Communist monitors and the 1,100 foreign observers watching the polls, says Mr Petrov, all results at local polling stations are "unofficial". That leaves a margin of error that can be exploited in Moscow.



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The debate provoked by Polly Toynbee's support for easier divorce is joined by

'I was seeing somebody else's world view being imposed on mine, then justified in print. It was an excruciating experience'

Polly Toynbee, in the happy position of being able to land one on them before they tried to land one on her, last week challenged the *Daily Mail*: "Why can't they come out in the open and debate their beliefs? It is time to stand up to them."

Indeed, I asked the *Daily Mail* if I could do just that. A social worker by profession, I earn my living on the backs of other people's misery. Not a lot of difference between my job and that of a hack perhaps.

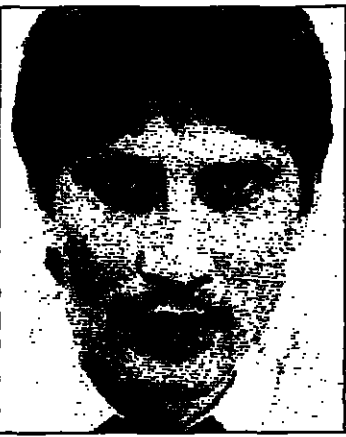
The *Daily Mail* giving column inches to a social worker? Perish the thought. So would I, had not the unlikely opportunity presented itself to engage in the discussion with one of the few journalists whose views really interest me. For I am the "other woman" in Polly's story — the woman who, until three years ago, had a high-on 20-year marriage with the man in Polly's life.

When my husband told me he had met someone else and felt passionately drawn towards her, I was left in a state of shock. I also felt guilty and in some way responsible. He'd always been the cleverer one, the more successful one, and I felt that if I'd been good enough, he would not be doing this.

He had had affairs in the past, but somehow this felt different. He was absolutely protective of the woman's identity, and I was made to feel irrelevant, an unnecessary part of the triangle. Through-

As readers of Brian MacArthur's *Paper Round* in yesterday's *Times* will be aware, *The Independent* newspaper devoted almost half its front page last week to an attack on the *Daily Mail*. It was written by Polly Toynbee, the *Independent* columnist and former BBC social affairs correspondent. In it she claimed the *Daily Mail* had been trying to expose her — as a supporter of divorce who was enjoying a relationship with a married man — as a hypocrite.

The *Daily Mail* is a fierce opponent of the Government's divorce Bill. And, believing that there was a link between



Husband: David

Toynbee's personal experiences and her view that the right to divorce was more important than the right to vote, it started investigating Toynbee's private life.

For the past ten days the debate which was provoked by Toynbee's original article has continued in other newspapers and on the radio. Now, Karen Irving, whose husband is the man with whom Toynbee is having the affair, has entered the debate with her views on divorce, intrusion and Polly Toynbee.

● This article originally appeared in yesterday's *Daily Mail*.

by Karen Irving

THIS article is dedicated to Derek Mosey, my old editor at the *Morecambe Visitor*, truly a gentleman of the Press and to the late Dougie Errington, the news editor. Lass, Dougie would say with affection, 'don't ever marry a journalist... Sorry Dougie, I let you down.'

out, I was getting a consistent message — that everyone should grasp happiness where they can, regardless of the consequences to other people. It was almost, I now realise, like hearing her speak. When I found out his lover was Polly

Toynbee, it all clicked into place. This was no ordinary affair.

Let me say at the outset that I am not an apologist for the *Mail*. Neither do I deny, as do the chattering classes, that I read it. Actually I enjoy it.

Lynda Lee-Potter, on form, makes my Wednesdays. But I disagree with it a lot on politics, policy and poverty. I deplore some of what it says about social affairs. To be frank, like Polly, I too represent all that the *Mail* loathes. A Sussex University graduate, with a degree in sociology and a social worker. Bingo!

Never, Polly, despite much provocation, none of it from the media as it happens, have I ever gone public — unlike you. When you and my husband started your hanky-panky, I grabbed the tissues, switched off the TV — where I ran the risk of seeing you — kept my head down and stopped reading the papers.

I couldn't, though, prevent friends from talking to me at great length and in great detail of the latest Polly-prose. Could I escape from the Mighty Pen? Fat chance. At one time, Polly-vision was almost inescapable as you gave the nation the benefit of your views on the airwaves. It seemed that every piece, every article you wrote, was a justification of what my husband was telling me: in other words, that every man — and woman — had affairs, and everyone in an unhappy marriage had the right to escape. I was seeing somebody else's world view being imposed on mine, and then justified on screen and in print. It was

an excruciating experience.

Even my mother-in-law — never, it must be said, a friend — averred: "She's much better looking than you'd think from the TV." I felt hounded. When, in a holiday escape to my beloved Cumberland, my mother (whose views on Polly are not kind) switched on the *One O'Clock News* — few dangers lurking here I thought, never having watched daytime TV in my life — aargh! There she was.

Suddenly I found it frightening. Her words came at me from all directions. "Children can handle divorce if the parents don't fight and they can still see their father regularly" (article by Polly in the *Radio Times*, October 2, 1993). How did she know of my fights with my husband and the strain of keeping father in touch with son? Of returning from a concert to look after our son, so my husband could go and meet her? Of hosting dinner parties where he would make an appearance for the first half-hour, then disappear?

You believe in debate, Polly, so let me quote from a letter you sent me on June 3, 1993, on BBC notepaper: "I have, of course, been thinking long and hard about our telephone conversation last night." (I'd asked Polly to meet with me — she'd agreed, then changed her mind.)

She continued: "You asked me a number of hard questions you have every right to ask but which I really can't answer at the moment. I don't think any good would come of our meeting and I don't think you would gain anything from it." [Ouch]. "I am genuinely sorry about the distress you are being caused but I don't think our meeting now would improve the situation. Perhaps we can meet sometime later, if it still seems to you to be a good idea." [Yelp].

No, dear reader, it never did seem a good idea. There is a limit to how far one should suffer the tortures in the cause of Motherhood and Apple Pie (which was what I wanted to talk to her about). All along, she claimed the breakdown of our marriage was nothing to do with her.

"It's between the two of you," she'd say. "You sort it out." Meanwhile my whole being was being distorted to meet the Pollymodel.

Then there is the right to privacy, about which Polly has made so much. Yes, there must be ground rules. Polly knows quite a lot about me, or thinks she does, but I'm confident she won't spill the beans on any of my hobbies, if I don't spill them on hers. Agreed. People's sex lives are not a matter for public delectation. But let's hear it for the right of wives to be protected from knowing about things they'd rather not — and I would rather not have known of some of the pen-pal missives from you to him.

You sent faxes saying how wonderful my husband was



Karen Irving: "All I was asking for was discussion, and a degree of respect for me"

and how, if he'd come round, you'd feel stronger. The telephone would ring. I'd pick it up and there'd be no one there. You know I have pieces of information, shared between you, that were an intrusion on my life. How can you say it was between you and my husband, when you faxed my home, phoned my home, and told my husband he could go to see you at your villa, at a time that suited you? You may be vulnerable and damaged, but you are arrogant. "Stinks of moralising hypocrisy?" To you, maybe.

Polly, you are a powerful

woman, a journalist to admire. My son likes you. You live in some style with two houses to my one and a car with, shall we say, more elan than my five-year old Proton.

You come from a level of society where people do what they want, and it is accommodated. If you're a duke with 300 bedrooms, you can ignore what happens at the other end of the house. But for me, it's not like that. Perhaps in that respect, I'm lower middle-class.

All I was asking for was discussion, and a degree of respect for me. Instead what I

got was the acting out of your formula for modern relationships — that people should seek happiness and have affairs where they want them. It wasn't that I couldn't put up with you — I tried. I would have put up with it for 20, 30, 40 years, if I'd been allowed to. But it was made absolutely clear I was irrelevant. Your propaganda said get pleasant where you can — and you were a more powerful propagandist than I was.

You claim a newspaper made some inquiries about you, Polly, but then, in a way, journalists and social workers

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the wife of the man with whom she is having a relationship



The author suggested that Polly Toynbee's writings on the family were hypocritical

have quite a lot in common. It's a fact that social workers earn far less than hacks, famous or not; we get paid a pittance and yet are pilloried in the rabid press, like you. Like you we are staked out but unlike you we are crucified. You well know the hue, the cry, the call for blood. Fee fi fo fum, I seek the head of officialdom — when the child

dies at the hands of an adult, often a step-parent, I wish I had a pound for every time a social worker has been hounded to oblivion, accused of being responsible for a child's death. I'd be a rich woman. Social workers, mostly do a super job, rolling up their sleeves and doing their best to cope on society's behalf with the detritus of people behaving

badly, living for the moment, or as you might put it: "Escaping unhappiness where they can." (Toynbee article, *The Independent* 6.6.96.) Even if we were to talk, as you do: half-baked claptrap about the family today, no one would print it, never mind pay for it. I could tell you tales, dear Polly, that would make your hair curl, about some of the

things people do to enhance their happiness at the cost of others, particularly children. But back to you and my husband. In our family you set the agenda. It was as though now my husband had fallen in love with you, we had to run our life around your wishes and needs — to conform to your formula. It is hard to describe the paranoia this induces, but try to imagine how much worse this is if, like me, you don't have access in the night to be heard.

No, I'm not a victim, as you thought; but neither am I a rich, powerful woman with a public platform of my own. Only now, against the wise advice of friends and colleagues, have I finally decided to take the opportunity to hit back.

I was terrified, I had sleepless nights wondering what you could do to me if I got into print. I was only a little comforted by the knowledge that I have nothing to hide. In my own home, my husband threatened me that, if I refused to conform to his wishes, there could be trouble. I felt bullied and threatened, slandered and slaughtered, in order to support the good name of someone who lives for the moment. I felt powerless and afraid. It was only then, accused of being a weasel (dear reader, I am a kitten), that it suddenly dawned on me to fight back.

I realised that, thanks to you, my life is actually now very public. It may be that you want to misrepresent my situation in a malevolent light, but I don't have to be secret or protective any more. No doubt there will be retaliation against me some day — I have been warned as much — but it is time to stand up to you both.

The tragedy is, Polly, that there is much on which we would agree. You say "good people make honest mistakes" (*Prospect* magazine, June 1996). This rang deep bells for me. My father, Gordon Irving, spent much of his life miserable, paying for his mistake.

He was one of life's unsung heroes, a teacher at a poorly-funded secondary modern school in Lancaster. Before that, when I was seven years old, he was disgraced, having — don't laugh — stolen £34 of the school dinner money at the village school in Cumbria where he was headmaster. (He paid it back later.)

He probably did it to keep two little Irvings in shoe leather, for mother, not frugal,

was concerned to keep up appearances. John, home, everything was lost. We lived in a caravan for a while — fun, maybe, for my brother and me but it must have been hell for my father. We fetched up in rooms above an illegal bookie in Morescombe. We had nits, Polly. Tragedy is short on chic. The man, my father, who paced the floor, chain-smoked and raged at mother, had agitated depression.

He was stuck like a record, never to grow beyond the unforgivable sin — to his mind — of what he had done. At least twice a day throughout my childhood I had to hear his universal truth: the best tune in the world — the *Blue Danube*: the best novel — *Vanity Fair*.

Head boy at school (Creighton School, Carlisle: now gone) and the school motto *nil sine labore* — *Nothing Without Labour*. He drank (when he wasn't working),

'From now on, Polly, you don't patronise your lover's wife

raged, never gave me any pocket money and tried to grow potatoes in our front garden — deep shame: no one else I knew did that.

But by God he stuck with his family. No matter how tormented and tortured his life, he did what he saw as his duty, worked, paid the bills, and we grew up somehow. Flawed, but with a sense of morals, obligation and I hope, a compassion for others based on understanding and not patronisation.

Finally, Polly, your letter of January 11, 1994, written to a friend and directed to me. You wrote: "I do object to your suggestion that my writings on the subject of families and children have been hypocritical. I have never ever written anything to suggest that I hold to a moral code. I have never moralised in print, or advocated higher moral standards than my own, but nor have my views in any way changed since my relationship [with David]. I have always had the same views and aired them in the same way, quite consistently."

"I do realise [you] find it difficult... why should I wish to cause extra gratuitous pain?" Why indeed. The answer to that Polly, is difficult and painful to define.

You often proclaim how complex relationships are, but you look only at the surface. Your arguments offer instant gratification, but they don't allow people to explore the more taxing, intellectual and spiritual dimensions of marriage. I believe that when people pro-

pound the argument that we should follow our drives, regardless of civilising factors, that way lies tragedy. I was brought up to understand that although people might have passionate affairs or mistresses, family life would be preserved, because the wife would preserve a basic degree of dignity. I believe inherently that we have duties and obligations to a range of people, particularly if there are children in the marriage, and that means keeping continuity.

I felt, and still feel, that I want to preserve a family life for my son that affords me some dignity, but my dignity was repeatedly ripped away. Nor do I just blame you for what happened — after all, it takes two to tangle.

But if it had been anyone other than you, Polly, I think we would have made it. You had the power, the glamour, the big house, the nice car, the rich and powerful friends. I was Mrs Nobody. What I did have, as a strong professional woman, was choice. And I was strong enough — or weak enough — not to be able to ignore what was going on. In my eyes, life is about work, about duty, about survival and reproduction. Incidental to that are moments of pleasure. There's no God-given right to happiness; it's a struggle and you make of it what you can.

Anyone as humiliated as I was would be wrong not to fight back for what they believe in. I had your world view imposed on mine. Your world overtook my world. As far as I'm concerned, you're the bully in the school playground — and I've been bullied in print in my own home, by fax and telephone. You justify your world view by using words like "complex" but actually it's very simple: Polly comes first. But from now on, Polly, the rules are different. From now on you don't patronise your boyfriend's wife.

Take two aspirin for your cold

Why doctors shy away from prescribing antibiotics

PATIENTS with heavy colds do not always hide their disappointment when their doctor tells them to go home, keep warm and take a couple of aspirin.

The treatment of the common cold is a frequent cause of confrontation in the surgery and often leads to an acrimonious dispute. The patient had hoped for a course of antibiotics; conversely the doctor, mindful of the need to prevent the emergence of antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria and the side-effects which antibiotics can cause, normally recommends simpler remedies. The doctor, too, has been taught that as the initial symptoms of a cold are caused by a virus the antibiotic would do no good, but those who are suffering from the cold do not believe it.

Who is right, patient or doctor? Dr Laurent Kaiser, of the University of Geneva, has attempted to answer the question. *The Lancet* recently carried a report on his research on the treatment of 300 patients, who, when first seen, appeared to have an absolutely simple cold, uncomplicated by the symptoms of any bacterial infection.

Although there was no evidence of any secondary infection, routine cultures taken from all the patients showed that one in five had potentially disease-giving bacteria in their noses and throats.

When Dr Kaiser treated the patients, half were prescribed an antibiotic, Augmentin Co-Amoxiclav,

and the other half were given a placebo. The 20 per cent of patients who had bacteria lurking in their noses ready to take any opportunity of spreading once resistance to infection had been lessened, tended to do very much better if they were treated immediately with an antibiotic.

On the other hand, those patients who had negative bacterial cultures when first seen did not benefit from taking antibiotics, and in these cases Augmentin did not materially effect the length of time they suffered from symptoms relating to the cold.

The research does not resolve the doctor's dilemma.

Should the patient be given an antibiotic despite the disadvantages to society if they are over-prescribed, or should the knowledge that one in five patients will benefit from antibiotics be enough to persuade doctors that their prescription should be the treatment of choice?

Most doctors will compromise. Patients who are obviously old or frail, together with those who suffer from chronic heart, lung or kidney troubles as well as those who are immuno-compromised by being on steroids, or from other diseases, will usually be thought to warrant early treatment with antibiotics.

On the other hand, the young and otherwise fit will still be given aspirin and homely advice even if as a result some will be ill for an extra day or two.



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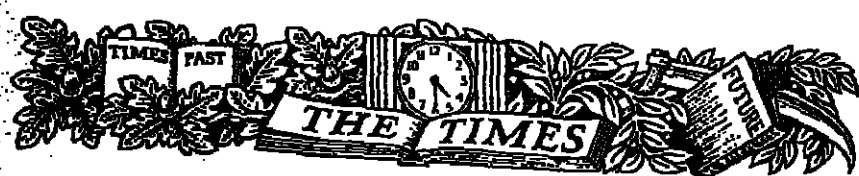
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TEACH BY EXAMPLE

The best place to learn to teach is in school

Teaching is both an art and a science. Good teachers need the arts of communication, understanding, authority, patience and the ability to enthuse a class. But the science of pedagogy also plays a part. Just as in medicine, it is possible to ascertain through research which teaching methods are most effective. These findings must be imparted to teachers both in their training and once they are at work.

Gillian Shephard's proposals for a national curriculum in teacher training courses should, therefore, be welcomed. Although no one would normally expect a minister to prescribe exactly what should be taught in a degree course, teaching is an exception. All society has an interest in education being improved. The teaching profession has failed to achieve this on its own.

Comparisons with medicine are not exact but they are instructive. In teacher training colleges, lecturers spend a large proportion of their time talking about the psychology of education. When it comes to methods, they frequently expect students to make up their own minds, on the basis of very little experience, about which should be used. No wonder that 40 per cent of new teachers complain that they are ill-equipped for the job.

In medical school, by contrast, very little time is spent on the psychology of the patient. Instead student doctors are instructed about the appropriate treatment for each ailment, backed up by rigorous academic studies of outcomes. It would be absurd to expect the students themselves to decide, for instance, on whether keyhole or invasive surgery was most appropriate for a particular complaint. It is just as absurd to ask trainee teachers to choose "real books" over phonics or vice versa.

The only reason that teachers and their trainers have been resistant to adopting best practice on the basis of which method has

been shown to work best is that ideology has had such a hold on them. Such an overlay of dogma would be bizarre in a medical school: it ought to have no place in teacher training colleges either. Everybody agrees on the desirable outcomes of education: well-adjusted children with a body of knowledge and an ability to think for themselves become equipped for adulthood and work. Whatever teaching methods can best achieve that result should be taught on teacher training courses.

Whether Mrs Shephard can achieve her laudable aim is another matter. Education is perhaps the worst department in Whitehall for delivering what ministers request. Her curriculum will have to be detailed and thorough, leaving little room for subtle sabotage. It should not be drawn up (and therefore diluted) after long consultation with education lecturers. But it should spell out a range of skills that teachers graduating from college will have to possess and be tested upon.

The Education Secretary has some tools at her disposal. Ofsted now inspects teacher training courses, and can use the new curriculum as the template against which to judge their efficacy. The Teacher Training Agency will then have to be prepared to withdraw funds from colleges that fail their Ofsted inspections.

But alongside this, Mrs Shephard should put far more effort into encouraging schools to train students. Independent schools teach their own teachers extremely effectively. The mechanism is there for the State sector to do so too, but few schools have offered themselves up for it. Now that Mrs Shephard, through Ofsted, knows which schools are good, she should cajole them to take responsibility for the next generation of teachers. As anyone with classroom experience knows, teaching by example is the best way of achieving results.

BRITAIN'S VOICE

Birt's shake-up at Bush House is a reorganisation too far

The BBC is the most famous broadcasting organisation in the world. Overseas, at least, it is a byword for balance, impartiality and a commitment to free speech. This reputation rests on the BBC World Service, the Corporation's overseas arm at Bush House which broadcasts round the clock in English and more than 40 other languages to more than 140 million listeners — more than all its nearest rivals put together.

Because its value — and its operational efficiency — are recognised by both Left and Right, the service has fared well in successive public spending rounds. This year the confrontation was particularly bruising: the Foreign Office cuts threatened at least a dozen of the smaller language services with closure. Fighting back tenaciously, the World Service so marshalled its arguments that the Government has now been persuaded to reinstate much of the money. Yet at the moment of victory, the BBC is putting Bush House at risk.

John Birt, the Director-General, is proposing a management "reorganisation" that would cut the service into three. News would come under one line of management, the English programmes under another and the language services would be left as an isolated rump. The effect would be to break the links between the three. The sharing of scripts, talks and ideas would be very much more difficult. Cross-currents that generate good, spontaneous broadcasting would be dammed. More programmes would be bought in from outside, made without the audience or the medium in mind.

The service is today an anomaly: it is in many ways a reminder of staid, more high-minded days. Its news is rigorously sourced and soberly presented. To the World Service, balance is the golden mean. Although it is

defended by a coterie of loyal and self-interested supporters, the arguments in its favour are not to be dismissed without the most careful consideration.

The point to be held most carefully in mind is that this is a niche service. It lies outside the competitive world of global commercial broadcasting. The domestic BBC has to respond to these pressures; the World Service is expected — and funded for that purpose by public money — to lie somewhat outside them. It has been prepared to innovate, notably by its successful foray into television news; but its core service remains radio.

Any change must therefore take account of its audience and what they need and expect of it. Those listeners overseas seeking phone-ins, gossip and personality-based programmes can turn to their local stations. Or they can tune in to the other market-driven and commercially funded foreign broadcasters such as Radio Monte Carlo. But survey after survey has found that not only people who cannot trust their national channels but those who make decisions — in Africa, Russia or the Middle East — tune in to the BBC for real news, especially in times of turmoil. President Gorbachev turned to the BBC during his detention in the abortive 1991 coup to find out what was happening.

Were the BBC to change its fare or philosophy, its huge advantage, and Britain's consequent cultural and commercial gain, would be lost. There seems to be no commercial gain, no need to shake up a poor performer, no editorial advantage. It is not a question of politics, flushing out stuffy attitudes or slaying the imagined tyranny of liberalism: it is a question of destroying an efficient, coherent and undoubtedly effective broadcasting service.

ILL-FOUNDED AND ILL-JUDGED

John Major should show a little charity

The Government has put on its hobnail boots this week and lashed out at some curious targets. It is not an edifying sight. On Tuesday the Prime Minister chose to criticise the National Lottery Charities Board for "ill-founded and ill-judged" decisions. Government sources indicated the awards he was exercising by were grants to bodies helping homosexuals, asylum-seekers and prostitutes. If anything is ill-founded and ill-judged it is the Prime Minister's attack on the board and their charity towards some of society's most vulnerable.

Since its inception the lottery has attracted criticism. Much of it has been justified and some of it ill-informed. The campaign against grants to the Royal Opera House was driven by a particularly ugly mixture of philistinism and class hatred. But, until Tuesday, ministers have risked unpopularity by defending the system warts and all.

Now, however, perhaps the Prime Minister has political advantage. The National Lottery Charities Board for how it has spent less than a quarter of one per cent of the £319 million pounds it has so far distributed. He has ordered an investigation of the decisions made by the board chairman David Sieff and his colleagues.

The grants objected to include one to a body already sponsored by the Government which tries to prevent disease spreading among prostitutes, one to an organisation

which provides help to those seeking asylum and several which provide information to homosexuals. By casting doubt on their fitness to receive public money the Government is tacitly encouraging prejudice towards women who are already victims, refugees who have already suffered and those whose sexuality is not the majority's. It is unattractive and illiberal.

The National Lottery Charities Board is not a band of radicals intent on subsidising subversion. Its chairman is a director of Marks and Spencer and Newbury racecourse. His deputy, Sir Adam Ridley, is a merchant banker who once worked for the Tory party. Mr Sieff was not appointed by accident but by Michael Howard — not a man inclined to tailor his judgment to win the good opinion of the *bien-pensant*.

Even if the board were not staffed by Conservative-approved quangocrats it would not deserve to have its judgment criticised by Mr Major in public. It is, at best, disconcerting, of the Government. If ministers had concerns they should have been taken up privately. Parading them in the Commons only adds to the suspicion that the Government's motives were less than pure, its concern more with votes and political distractions than with victims. The lottery's capacity to raise money for charity has not, so far, affected the level of charitable giving. It has, however, seen the Government behave less than charitably.

Controversy over new lottery grants

From Mr Andrew Phillips

Sir, Although a member since its inception of the National Lottery Charities Board I write this letter in a personal capacity.

John Major is entitled, of course, to make any comment he likes on the way the board does its work (report, June 12). The same goes for Mrs Bottomley. I am sure both of them will allow a comparable freedom of response.

As I see it, whilst we have assiduously consulted the voluntary sector, and whilst we certainly recognise that we are a public entity, we were not appointed to dance to the tune of the tabloids. I do not think that the Prime Minister yesterday acted wisely by appearing to do just that.

As for Mrs Bottomley's indications to the media this morning that if she cracks the whip the board does her bidding, that is simply not the case.

It was nothing whatever to do with her, or indeed the Home Secretary, that our third round grant theme includes medical and health charities. It was our public policy from the outset to ensure that they (along with all other charities) would get their turn.

As I see it (and I would be surprised if my fellow board members did not agree), our job is to listen to all but know to none. Just like MPs, in the end we have to decide what we think right and best. Anything else would, incidentally, risk being illegal.

Perhaps I have a less depressing view of public opinion than some. If you do a skin-deep survey you will get a skin-deep response. By contrast, where so-called ordinary people are given a chance to really understand difficult issues my experience is that they are sensible and generous. In any event it is not our job to endorse prejudice.

Yours truly,
ANDREW PHILLIPS,
Bates, Wells & Braithwaite
(solicitors),
61 Charterhouse Street, ECI.
June 12.

From Mr J. S. Weir

Sir, John Major is wrong! It is entirely appropriate to use money raised by the promotion of greed and gambling to subsidise homosexuals and prostitutes.

Yours faithfully,
STUART WEIR,
19 The Glebe,
Cumnor, Oxford.
June 12.

Southern Sudan

From Mr D. G. Littman

Sir, The facts provided by Bernard Levin (article, May 31; also letters, June 6, 10) on the deplorable situation in Southern Sudan were recently confirmed at the United Nations by the special rapporteur on the Sudan, Mr Gáspár Bíró.

In introducing his third report to the UN Commission on Human Rights on April 16 this year, Mr Bíró stated: "We have reached a stage where the facts are no longer debatable: the descriptions contained in the previous reports, which are corroborated with a wide range of independent sources, have proved to be well founded."

He gave examples of arbitrary arrest, torture, disappearances, extrajudicial killings and slavery — particularly child slavery — and mass forced conversion to Islam.

His report also includes details of a famine against all those who oppose the Government of Sudan, an edict issued on April 27, 1992, by six religious leaders and imams in the Kordofan State and still valid.

It authorised the killing of Muslims considered heretics and non-Muslims who refuse to allow the spread of Islam and was, to quote Mr Bíró, "publicly supported at the highest government level".

Under much pressure the Sudanese Minister of Justice, Mr Abdel Aziz Shiddo, informed the UN Commission on Human Rights on April 17 that Mr Bíró, banned from entering the country since 1994, could now visit Sudan and see for himself. He hopes to do so in early August.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID LITTMAN,
Villa Léa,
1196 Glend, Switzerland.
June 11.

Honours uneven

From the Director of the National Portrait Gallery

Sir, I was pleased to see Piers Rodger's letter (June 11) correcting previous mis-statements about the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, but less pleased that he makes a slightly misleading statement himself.

He says that the Summer Exhibition, with 140,000 visitors, is "by far [my italics] the most popular mixed show of contemporary art in the country". Last year, the National Portrait Gallery had 143,640 visitors to its annual BP Portrait Award, so there is an equivalently large audience keen to see new work by figurative artists under the age of 40.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES SAUMAREZ SMITH,
Director,
National Portrait Gallery,
St Martin's Place, WC2.
June 11.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Merits and misery of freight railway

From Mr Robert H. Foster

Sir, Your report (June 7) of a proposed freight railway line from Leicester to Folkestone indicates that of its 180 miles, all but ten miles is over existing railway route, most of it still in use, and that the ten new miles would be in tunnel.

You also report that a "revolt is being raised to kill off" the proposal. Astonishingly you quote both a Labour and a Tory MP vehemently opposed to it. There is surely no logic to such an objection.

Five years ago citizens of Arras staged a protest, ultimately unsuccessful, because the new Paris-Lille-Calais/Brussels high-speed line was not to be routed near enough to their own town.

Yours faithfully,
R. H. FOSTER,
Winterburn Grange,
Near Skipton, North Yorkshire.
June 7.

From Councillor Simon M. Hooberman

Sir, In Stratham, where several properties would be demolished and others would lose their gardens, Conservatives have been campaigning hard against Central Railway's lunatic proposal since we first heard about it in December. Our immediate reaction was, "this is freight which is not bound for London so it should not go through the capital, which is already congested enough".

In bleak January over 300 people attended the Conservative group's public meeting, to which Central Railway declined an invitation. So far, some 2,000 have signed a protest petition.

The project, by Central Railway's own admission, would cost at least £3 billion. Such schemes always finish up costing far more.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON M. HOOBERMAN
(Conservative transport planning spokesman),
London Borough of Lambeth,
Lambeth Town Hall,
Brixton Hill, SW2.
June 10.

From the Chairman of Central Railway

Sir, Central Railway's projected link between the heartland of British in-

dustrial and the Continent would bring both substantial economic and environmental gains within existing transport corridors.

It would take more than a million lorries off overcrowded roads and reduce pollution without taking up a great deal of valuable new land for construction. It incorporates a compensation scheme for homeowners which is superior to that offered by the State. It would also create thousands of construction jobs and permanent jobs afterwards.

All this could be achieved by a valuable partnership between the public and the private sector using only private finance.

Despite the failure of many years, railways can deliver what the country needs. We are looking forward to a fair hearing and support in Parliament for a project which puts into practice the policies of every political party.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW GRITTEN,
Chairman,
Central Railway,
62-65 Trafalgar Square, WC2.
June 11.

From Councillor Sally Powell

Sir, Hammersmith and Fulham Council organised a public meeting last Thursday to which Central Railway was invited. In turning down the offer it said: "We believe that such meetings are not conducive to reasoned discussion." It offered instead to meet councillors of the Environment Committee.

Despite the short notice over 150 residents came to listen to local MPs and councillors.

The proposal has extended the misery of our residents who live near the West London line corridor. The blight caused by publication of this scheme has serious implications for house-holders.

We are in favour of freight being put back on the rails but not at the cost of residential blight and the chaos that would inevitably follow.

Yours sincerely,
SALLY POWELL
(Chair, Environment Committee),
Hammersmith and Fulham Council,
Hammersmith Town Hall,
King Street, W6.
June 10.

The wider picture of Alzheimer's

From Professor G. K. Wilcock

Sir, Your page devoted to Alzheimer's disease today is to be welcomed by all of us working in this field. I would however like to correct any impression that Europe still lacks a multi-disciplinary research centre for Alzheimer's.

There are, in fact, a significant number of such centres within Europe and elsewhere. In Bristol, for instance, we have more than 20 doctors, psychologists, laboratory scientists, nurses and social workers, amongst others, researching into this condition. They are all part of the same research group working together to share ideas and ensure that the work they are undertaking is relevant to the needs of sufferers and their carers.

A strategic decision was taken not to base them all within the same building, as this enables sufferers to have access to a wider range of NHS facilities and expertise. Despite the fact that the different parts of the research centre are a few minutes apart, geographically speaking, they function as a single integrated body.

Yours sincerely,
G. K. WILCOCK,
University of Bristol,
Department of Care of the Elderly,
Frenchay Hospital, Bristol.
June 3.

Cambodia's future

From Mr Toby Anderson

Sir, While it may be true that the Khmer Rouge and the Cambodian royalists have often shared a common enemy (report, June 7), it is inaccurate to say they have frequently colluded "in their fight against Communists".

This common enemy has typically been foreign intervention, whether the American puppet regime of Lon Nol or the invading Vietnamese Army. During the early 1970s the Maoist Khmer Rouge sought to exclude all foreign influence to facilitate the grotesque social experiment that was Kampuchea's Year Zero.

Similarly, King Norodom Sihanouk, aware of the fragile nature of Cambodian society with its many violently opposed factions, sought to avoid the disruptive influence of foreign "aid", as proffered by the Nixon administration.

Sihanouk's policy was concerned less with excluding radical elements than with juggling and absorbing them. Indeed, he has never fully ruled out the possibility of including the Khmer Rouge in the democratic process should they renounce their armed struggle.

Perhaps we should view his being in touch with the group's presumed new leader, Khieu Samphan, as less of a whimsical irony than a testament to a political realist and survivor.

Yours faithfully,
TOBY ANDERSON,
Wayside House, Old Odham Road,
Alton, Hampshire.
June 11.

From Ms Rosas Mitchell

Sir, Your articles of June 3 on caring for people with Alzheimer's disease painted a harrowing and devastating picture. While no one can deny the pain involved, this picture is incomplete.

I have been a family carer for the last five years and have worked in service development for people with dementia and their carers.

I have found that there can also be joy, humour, fulfilment and the reciprocation of love. These qualities can be nurtured through training, education, and support and breaks for carers.

Above all, there is a need to find carers who still believe that people are people, despite the disease; that their personality and humanity deserve dignity and respect, that they are unique individuals with the need to love and be loved.

By believing, as Richard Eyre does, that the soul and humanity disappear with the progression of the disease, loved ones are reduced to mere animals. Such beliefs have devastating consequences for the care of people with Alzheimer's in society.

Yours sincerely,
ROSAS MITCHELL,
6 Windsor Place, Stirling, Central.
June 4.

Christ's divinity

From Professor John J. Haldane

Sir, Dr E. Shehadeh's letter (June 8) accuses me of implying "that Christ obtains His deity by association with His mother". This is a misunderstanding of the point of my article (Credo, June 1) and one shared by several private correspondents.

My claim was not that the divinity of Christ derives from the power of Mary, let alone that she is in any way divine.

On the contrary, she merits the title, Theotokos (Mother of God), in virtue of the fact that Christ is divine. As I wrote, "To deny her that title is to deny the divinity of her Son". Mariology is subordinate to Christology. The Church of Rome has never taught otherwise.

So I am in complete agreement with the words of Shehadeh: "Mary has added nothing to the deity of God or Christ."

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HALDANE,
Professor of Philosophy,
University of St Andrews,
Fife KY16 9AL.
June 12.

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Bitter harvest of broken families

From Mr Paul Rippon

Sir, I was staggered to see Lord Habgood write (letter, June 10) that "the only morally defensible ground for divorce [is] the death of the marriage". I can find no authority for this in scripture. It omits the high view of marriage plainly held by Our Lord and neutralises the emphatic abomination of divorce which we read in Hosea.

Surely the important thing for Christians to remember is that whilst the law convicts yet we are saved through our redemption. You can't have one without the other.

Viewed from this perspective it is small wonder that the permissive approach to divorce echoed by Lord Habgood but going back at least to Puritan ascetics, the report of the Anglican archbishops 30 years ago, has reaped such a bitter harvest of broken families and injured children. For all his "admonishment" of adultery, divorce has become acceptable, almost respectable, and certainly commonplace.

Unlike him, however, I do not believe that it is "easy" for the couple involved and their children. That is to confuse the legal process with the pain of a broken union.

Under the present Bill, divorce ceases to be a remedy and becomes the right of all married people. I should have the right to dissolve my marriage following my own adultery. This seems a very striking departure from the high ground of moral principle.

In loving the sinner, Our Lord never failed to hate the sin. Nor was it ever possible to escape its consequences save through his redemption. In the present context to confuse the two is to reduce marriage from a union ordained of God to a relationship (such as cohabitation) which is of concern to the parties themselves and ought not to be approved by the Church as the basis of family life.

This legislation may make divorce more popular and will certainly make marriage (as it is at present understood by both Church and State) less so. Far from supporting marriage, it will diminish it.

Yours etc,
PAUL RIPPON,
As from: The Athenaeum,
Pall Mall, SW1.
June 11.

Drug culture

From Miss J. Scutts

Sir, Richard Morrison's suggestion (Arts, June 8) that "the pro-drugs climate of popular culture would be transformed" if the music industry ostracised its drug addicts and drugs became a taboo subject in the music press is hardly realistic. Drug use would simply be driven underground, leading to misinformation, exploitation and far greater risks.

The music press accepts that contact with drugs, if not their use, has indeed become a "rite-of-passage" for almost all Nineties teenagers, of whom I am one, and seeks to inform without condoning.

The *New Musical Express's* rival publication, *Melody Maker*, in the week to which Mr Morrison refers, gave away a free guide to the summer music festivals. The telephone number of the National Drugs Helpline was featured prominently on every page and a double-page spread gave concise information on drugs commonly encountered at festivals. It was clearly and repeatedly stated here that the only "truly safe option" is not to take anything at all.

This balanced and sensible reaction is favoured by the music papers whenever general drug use arises as an issue (for example in the wake of the film *Trainspotting*) and Mr Morrison's contribution is unhelpful.

Yours faithfully,
JOANNA SCUTTS,
18 The Plantation, Blackheath, SE3.
June 9.

Compressed air?

From Miss Christine Long

Sir, You report (Travel News, June 6) that "one of Britain's smallest airlines is looking for air hostesses — but only anyone under 5ft 3in need apply ... anyone over that height would be too tall to stand in the cabin".

The same criterion will presumably apply to the passengers if they are to travel in any degree of comfort.

Yours (on the tall side),
C. M. LONG,
29 Heath View, N2.
June 6.

Exhausting summer

From Dr Philippa A. Lowe

Sir, This summer we are encouraged by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, in their "Don't Choke Britain" campaign, to leave our cars at home.

I was therefore delighted to receive the latest *National Trust Magazine* featuring articles promoting alternative transport. Also included in the mailing was a book of National Trust raffle tickets. The top prize ... a car.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIPPA A. LOWE,
104 Linden Road,
Bournville, Birmingham.
June 12.

Check your players' points in Euro Interactive Team Football

GOALKEEPERS

Code	Name	(Country, club)	Wk	Cum
10101	Boris Myhalov	(Bulgaria, Reading)	-1	-1
10102	Dimitar Popov	(Bulgaria, CSKA)	0	0
10103	Zdravko Zdravkov	(Bulgaria, Slavia Sofia)	0	0
10201	Tonci Gabric	(Croatia, Hajduk Split)	0	0
10202	Drazen Ladic	(Croatia, Croatia Zagreb)	+5	+5
10301	Marijan Mirmic	(Croatia, Varteks Varazdin)	-3	-3
10302	Petr Kouba	(Czech Rep, West Ham United)	0	0
10303	Ludek Miklosko	(Czech Rep, Newcastle United)	0	0
10304	Pavel Smicek	(Czech Rep, Slovan Liberec)	0	0
10401	Lars Høgh	(Denmark, Odense)	0	0
10402	Mogens Krogh	(Denmark, Brøndby)	0	0
10403	Peter Schmeichel	(Denmark, Manchester United)	-1	-1
10501	Tim Flowers	(England, Blackburn Rovers)	0	0
10502	David Seaman	(England, Arsenal)	-1	-1
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10601	Fabien Barthez	(France, Monaco)	0	0
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10702	Stefan Klos	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	0	0
10703	Andreas Köpcke	(Germany, Eintracht Frankfurt)	+5	+5
10704	Soliver Beck	(Germany, Werder Bremen)	0	0
10801	Ed de Goeij	(Holland, Feyenoord)	0	0
10802	Edwin van der Sar	(Holland, Ajax)	+5	+5
10803	Ruud Hesp	(Holland, Roda JC)	0	0
10901	Luca Bucci	(Italy, Parma)	0	0
10902	Angelo Peruzzi	(Italy, Juventus)	-1	-1
10903	Francesco Toldo	(Italy, Fiorentina)	0	0
11001	Vitor Bala	(Portugal, Porto)	-1	-1
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11003	Rui Correia	(Portugal, Braga)	0	0
11004	Paulo Costinha	(Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)	0	0
11101	Florin Tene	(Romania, Rapid Bucharest)	0	0
11102	Florin Prunea	(Romania, Dinamo Bucharest)	0	0
11103	Bogdan Stela	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	-1	-1
11201	Stanislav Chereshev	(Russia, FC Tyrol)	-3	-3
11202	Dmitri Kharine	(Russia, Chelsea)	0	0
11203	Sergei Ovchinnikov	(Russia, Lokomotiv Moscow)	0	0
11301	Andy Goram	(Scotland, Rangers)	+5	+5
11302	Jim Leighton	(Scotland, Hibernian)	0	0
11303	Nicky Walker	(Scotland, Partick Thistle)	0	0
11401	Andoni Zubizarreta	(Spain, Valencia)	-1	-1
11402	Santiago Cañizares	(Spain, Real Madrid)	0	0
11403	Jose Molina	(Spain, Atlético Madrid)	0	0
11501	Stephane Lehmann	(Switzerland, Sion)	0	0
11502	Paolo Pascolo	(Switzerland, Servette)	-1	-1
11503	Pascal Zuberbühler	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	0	0
11504	Joel Cornillebois	(Switzerland, Neuchâtel)	0	0
11601	İpekoglu Engin	(Turkey, Fenerbahçe)	0	0
11602	Ruslan Reber	(Turkey, Fenerbahçe)	-1	-1
11603	Erkan Ardan	(Turkey, Ankaragücüspor)	0	0
11604	Göymen Sanver	(Turkey, Altayspor)	0	0

FULL BACKS

20131	Ilian Kiryakov	(Bulgaria, Anorthosis)	+1	+1
20132	Razvan Kishihev	(Bulgaria, Neftchimik Bourgas)	-2	-2
20133	Emil Kremenliev	(Bulgaria, Olympiakos)	0	0
20134	Tzanko Tsvetanov	(Bulgaria, Waldhof Mannheim)	-2	-2
20231	Elvis Brajkovic	(Croatia, Bayern Munich)	0	0
20232	Robert Jarni	(Croatia, Real Betis)	+4	+4
20233	Nikola Jurcovic	(Croatia, Freiburg)	0	0
20234	Dario Simic	(Croatia, FC Croatia)	0	0
20331	Radoslaw Lalat	(Czech Rep, Schalke 04)	-3	-3
20332	Jiri Lerch	(Czech Rep, Slavia Prague)	0	0
20333	Tomas Repka	(Czech Rep, Sparta Prague)	0	0
20334	Jan Suchoparek	(Czech Rep, Slavia Prague)	-3	-3
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20432	Jacob Laursen	(Denmark, Silkeborg)	0	0
20433	Torben Piechnik	(Denmark, Aarhus)	0	0
20434	Jens Rissager	(Denmark, Brøndby)	-2	-2
20531	Rob Jones	(England, Liverpool)	0	0
20532	Gary Neville	(England, Manchester United)	-2	-2
20533	Philip Neville	(England, Manchester United)	0	0
20534	Stuart Pearce	(England, Nottingham Forest)	-2	-2
20631	Lucy Apolloni	(France, Turin)	0	0
20632	Jocelyn Angloma	(France, Monaco)	0	0
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20733	Rene Schnelzer	(Germany, Rostock)	0	0
20831	Frank de Boer	(Holland, Ajax)	+4	+4
20832	Winston Bogarde	(Holland, Ajax)	+4	+4
20833	Michael Reiziger	(Holland, Ajax)	-1	-1
20931	Amedeo Carboni	(Italy, Roma)	0	0
20932	Paolo Maldini	(Italy, AC Milan)	-1	-1
20933	Roberto Mussi	(Italy, AC Milan)	-1	-1
21031	Fernando Nelson	(Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)	0	0
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21034	José Tavares	(Portugal, Boavista)	0	0
21131	Dimas Tebeira	(Portugal, Benfica)	0	0
21132	Corneliu Papara	(Romania, Universitatea Craiova)	0	0
21133	Tibor Selymes	(Romania, Cercle Brugge)	-2	-2
21231	Yuri Kovtun	(Russia, Dynamo Moscow)	-4	-4
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21233	Sergei Gorlukovich	(Russia, Spartak Moscow)	0	0
21331	Tommy Boyd	(Scotland, Celtic)	+3	+3
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21334	Brian O'Neill	(Scotland, Celtic)	0	0
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21531	J M Lopez Martinez	(Spain, Atlético Madrid)	0	0
21532	Marc Hottiger	(Switzerland, Sion)	-2	-2
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21631	Raphael Wicky	(Turkey, Besiktas)	0	0
21632	Recep Cetin	(Turkey, Besiktas)	-1	-1
21633	Incefe Vedat	(Turkey, DC Karabükspor)	0	0

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

30131	Krasimir Chomakov	(Bulgaria, Maritsa Plovdiv)	0	0
30132	Valentin Darilov	(Bulgaria, Levski Sofia)	0	0
30133	Gosho Guechev	(Bulgaria, Denizlispor)	0	0
30134	Peter Hubchev	(Bulgaria, Hamburg)	-2	-2
30135	Trifon Ivanov	(Bulgaria, Rapid Vienna)	-1	-1
30231	Slaven Bilic	(Croatia, West Ham United)	+4	+4
30232	Nikola Jerkan	(Croatia, Real Oviedo)	+4	+4
30233	Dubravko Pavlicic	(Croatia, Hercules)	-1	-1
30234	Zvonimir Soldo	(Croatia, Croatia Zagreb)	-1	-1
30235	Igor Stimac	(Croatia, Derby County)	-3	-3
30331	Michal Horak	(Czech Rep, Sparta Prague)	-4	-4
30332	Miroslav Kadlec	(Czech Rep, Kaiserslautern)	0	0
30333	Lubos Kubik	(Czech Rep, Petra Dnovec)	0	0
30334	Karel Rada	(Czech Rep, Sigma Olomouc)	0	0
30431	Jes Høgh	(Denmark, Fenerbahçe)	-1	-1
30432	Lars Olsen	(Denmark, Brøndby)	0	0
30433	Marc Rieper	(Denmark, West Ham United)	-1	-1
30531	Tony Adams	(England, Arsenal)	-2	-2
30532	Gary Pallister	(England, Manchester United)	0	0
30533	Gareth Southgate	(England, Aston Villa)	-1	-1
30534	Steve Hovew	(England, Newcastle United)	0	0
30631	Laurent Blanc	(France, Auxerre)	+4	+4
30632	Marcel Desailly	(France, AC Milan)	+4	+4
30633	Frank LeBouef	(France, Strasbourg)	0	0
30634	Alain Roche	(France, Paris Saint-Germain)	+3	+3
30731	Markus Babbel	(Germany, Bayern Munich)	+4	+4
30732	Thomas Helmer	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	0	0
30733	Jürgen Kohler	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	+4	+4
30734	Mathias Sammer	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	+4	+4
30831	Dorany Blind	(Holland, Ajax)	+4	+4
30832	Johan de Kock	(Holland, Roda JC)	0	0
30833	Stan Valok	(Holland, PSV Eindhoven)	0	0
30834	John Veldman	(Holland, Sparta Rotterdam)	-1	-1
30931	Alessandro Costacurta	(Italy, AC Milan)	0	0
30932	Ciro Ferrara	(Italy, Juventus)	0	0
30933	Moreno Torricelli	(Italy, Juventus)	0	0
30934	Alessandro Nesta	(Italy, Lazio)	-1	-1
31031	Fernando Couto	(Portugal, Parma)	-1	-1
31032	Helder Cristovao	(Portugal, Benfica)	0	0
31033	Paulo Madeira	(Portugal, Belenenses)	0	0
31034	Carlos Magalhães	(Portugal, Boavista)	0	0
31035	Fernando Mendes	(Portugal, Steaua Bucharest)	0	0
31131	Anton Dobos	(Romania, Guingamp)	-2	-2
31132	Gheorghe Mihail	(Romania, Barcelona)	-1	-1
31133	Gheorghe Popescu	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	0	0
31134	Daniel Prodan	(Romania, Villareal)	-1	-1
31135	Miodrag Belodedici	(Romania, Villareal)	0	0



Möller, who scored one of Germany's goals against the Czech Republic

31231	Yevgeny Bushmanov	(Russia, CSKA Moscow)	-1	-1
31232	Yuri Nikiforov	(Russia, Spartak Moscow)	0	0
31233	Omar Tetradez	(Russia, Alania Vladikavkaz)	-3	-3
31331	Colin Calderwood	(Scotland, Tottenham Hotspur)	+4	+4
31332	Colin Hendry	(Scotland, Blackburn Rovers)	+4	+4
31333	Alan McLaren	(Scotland, Rangers)	0	0
31334	Derek Whyte	(Scotland, Middlesbrough)	0	0
31431	Rafael Alkorta	(Spain, Real Madrid)	-1	-1
31432	Abelardo Fernandez	(Spain, Barcelona)	-2	-2
31433	Fernando Hierro	(Spain, Real Madrid)	-1	-1
31434	Miquel Angel Nadal	(Spain, Barcelona)	0	0
31531	Alain Geiger	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	-2	-2
31532	Stephane Henchoz	(Switzerland, Hamburg)	-1	-1
31533	Dominique Herr	(Switzerland, Sion)	0	0
31534	Roman Vega	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	-2	-2
31631	Mladen Mladenov	(Switzerland, Neuchâtel)	0	0
31632	Alpay Ozal	(Turkey, Besiktas)	-1	-1
31633	Bulent Kortmaz	(Turkey, Galatasaray)	0	0
31634	Ogun Temizkanlioglu	(Turkey, Trabzonspor)	-1	-1
31635	Ozkoylu Osman	(Turkey, Trabzonspor)	0	0

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

40141	Krasimir Balakov	(Bulgaria, VfB Stuttgart)	+1	+1
40142	Daniel Bormirov	(Bulgaria, Munich 1880)	0	0
40143	Bortcho Guechev	(Bulgaria, Luton Town)	0	0
40144	Yordan Lechkov	(Bulgaria, Hamburg)	+1	+1
40145	Zlatko Yankov	(Bulgaria, Bayer Uerdingen)	0	0
40146	Ivaylo Yordanov	(Bulgaria, Sporting Lisbon)	0	0
40147	Georgi Donkov	(Bulgaria, CSKA Sofia)	0	0
40241	Aljosa Asanovic	(Croatia, Derby County)	+1	+1
40242	Zvonimir Boban	(Croatia, AC Milan)	0	0
40243	Mladen Mladenovic	(Croatia, Salzburg)	0	0
40244	Nenad Pralija	(Croatia, Hajduk Split)	0	0
40245	Robert Prosinecki	(Croatia, Barcelona)	+2	+2
40246	Mario Stanic	(Croatia, FC Bruges)	+2	+2
40341	Patrick Berger	(Czech Rep, Borussia Dortmund)	+1	+1
40342	Michal Bilek	(Czech Rep, Viktoria Zizkov)	0	0
40343	Martin Frydek	(Czech Rep, Sparta Prague)	+1	+1
40344	Pavel Hapal	(Czech Rep, Tenerte)	0	0
40345	Pavel Nedved	(Czech Rep, Sparta Prague)	0	0
40346	Jiri Nemec	(Czech Rep, Schalke 04)	+1	+1
40347	Vaclav Nemecsek	(Czech Rep, Servette)	0	0
40348	Karel Poborsky	(Czech Rep, Slavia Prague)	+1	+1
40349	Radek Bejbi	(Czech Rep, Slavia Prague)	0	0
40350	Pavel Novotny	(Czech Rep, Slavia Prague)	0	0
40441	Michael Laudrup	(Denmark, Real Madrid)	+1	+1
40442	Allan Nielsen	(Denmark, Brondby)	0	0
40443	Peter Nielsen	(Denmark, B Mönchengladbach)	0	0
40444	Brian Steen Nielsen	(Denmark, Odense)	+1	+1
40445	Michael Schjønberg	(Denmark, Odense)	0	0
40446	Claus Thomsen	(Denmark, Ipswich Town)	+1	+1
40447	Kim Vilfort	(Denmark, Brondby)	0	0
40448	Henrik Larsen	(Denmark, Lyngby)	+1	+1
40449	Stig Toefling	(Denmark, Aarhhus)	0	0
40541	Darren Anderton	(England, Tottenham Hotspur)	+1	+1
40542	Paul Gascoigne	(England, Rangers)	+2	+2
40543	Paul Ince	(England, Internazionale)	+1	+1
40544	Robert Lee	(England, Newcastle United)	0	0
40545	Steve McManaman	(England, Liverpool)	+1	+1
40546	David Platt	(England, Arsenal)	0	0
40547	Steve Stone	(England, Nottingham Forest)	0	0
40548	Demis Wise	(England, Chelsea)	0	0
40549	Jamie Redknapp	(England, Liverpool)	0	0
40641	Didier D��schamps	(France, Juventus)	+2	+2
40642	Vincent Guerin	(France, Paris Saint-Germain)	+2	+2
40643	Christian Karembeu	(France, Sampdoria)	+2	+2
40644	Sabri Lamouchi	(France, Auxerre)	0	0
40645	Corentin Martina	(France, Auxerre)	0	0
40646	Zinedine Zidane	(France, Bordeaux)	+2	+2
40741	Marlo Basler	(Germany, Werder Bremen)	0	0
40742	Marco Bode	(Germany, Werder Bremen)	0	0
40743	Dieter Elts	(Germany, Werder Bremen)	+2	+2
40744	Steffen Freund	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	0	0
40745	Thomas H��ssler	(Germany, Karlsruhe)	+1	+1
40746	Andreas M��ller	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	+3	+3
40747	Mehmet Scholl	(Germany, Bayern Munich)	0	0
40748	Thomas Strunz	(Germany, Bayern Munich)	0	0
40749	Christian Ziege	(Germany, Bayern Munich)	+3	+3
40841	Edgar Davids	(Holland, Ajax)	+2	+2
40842	Ronald de Boer	(Holland, Ajax)	+1	+1
40843	Wim Jonk	(Holland, PSV Eindhoven)	0	0
40844	Clarence Seedorf	(Holland, Sampdoria)	+2	+2
40845	Aron Winter	(Holland, Lazio)	0	0
40941	Philipp Cocu	(Holland, PSV Eindhoven)	0	0
40941	Demetrio Albertini	(Italy, AC Milan)	0	0
40942	Dino Baggio	(Italy, Parma)	0	0
40943	Antonio Conte	(Italy, Juventus)	0	0
40944	Alessandro del Piero	(Italy, Juventus)	+1	+1
40945	Angelo di Livio	(Italy, Juventus)	+1	+1
40946	Roberto di Matteo	(Italy, Lazio)	+1	+1
40947	Roberto Donadoni	(Italy, AC Milan)	0	0
40948	Diego Fuser	(Italy, Lazio)	0	0
40949	Fabio Rossitto	(Italy, Udinese)	0	0
41041	Paulo Bento	(Portugal, Benfica)	0	0
41042	Nuno Capucho	(Portugal, Guimaraes)	0	0
41043	Rui Costa	(Portugal, Fiorentina)	+1	+1
41044	Oceano Cruz	(Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)	+1	+1
41045	Luis Figo	(Portugal, Barcelona)	-1	-1
41046	Vitor Paneira	(Portugal, SC Vitoria)	+1	+1
41047	Sebastiao	(Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)	0	0
41048	Paulo Sousa	(Portugal, Juventus)	+2	+2
41141	Iulian Filipescu	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	0	0
41142	Ioan Angelo Lupescu	(Romania, Biseri Leverkusen)	0	0
41143	Dorin Mateu��	(Romania, Dinamo Bucharest)	+1	+1
41144	Dorinel Munteanu	(Romania, Cologne)	+1	+1
41145	Horla Radu Niculescu	(Romania, National Bucharest)	0	0

